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SPORTS

Defending champs win Spike's Challenge for 4th consecutive year



Make it four in a row. Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie – a team that's won the AuSable River Canoe Marathon a total of four times – won the Spike's Challenge C-2 race for the fourth consecutive time on Sunday.

It rained Saturday night, raising water levels for the event, but the weather was fine for Sunday's race.

"We actually had pretty good water for the Spike's race. (The rain) did bring it up a bit," said John Lucey, race coordinator for the Spike's Challenge. "I think teams were a little faster than they would have been without it."

Triebold and Lajoie took first place out of 70 teams in the Expert Division, reaching the finish line at McMillan's Bridge in 2:38:26. Lee Barnett and Matt Rimer took second, finishing approximately six minutes after the winners (2:44:22). **Pg. 1B**

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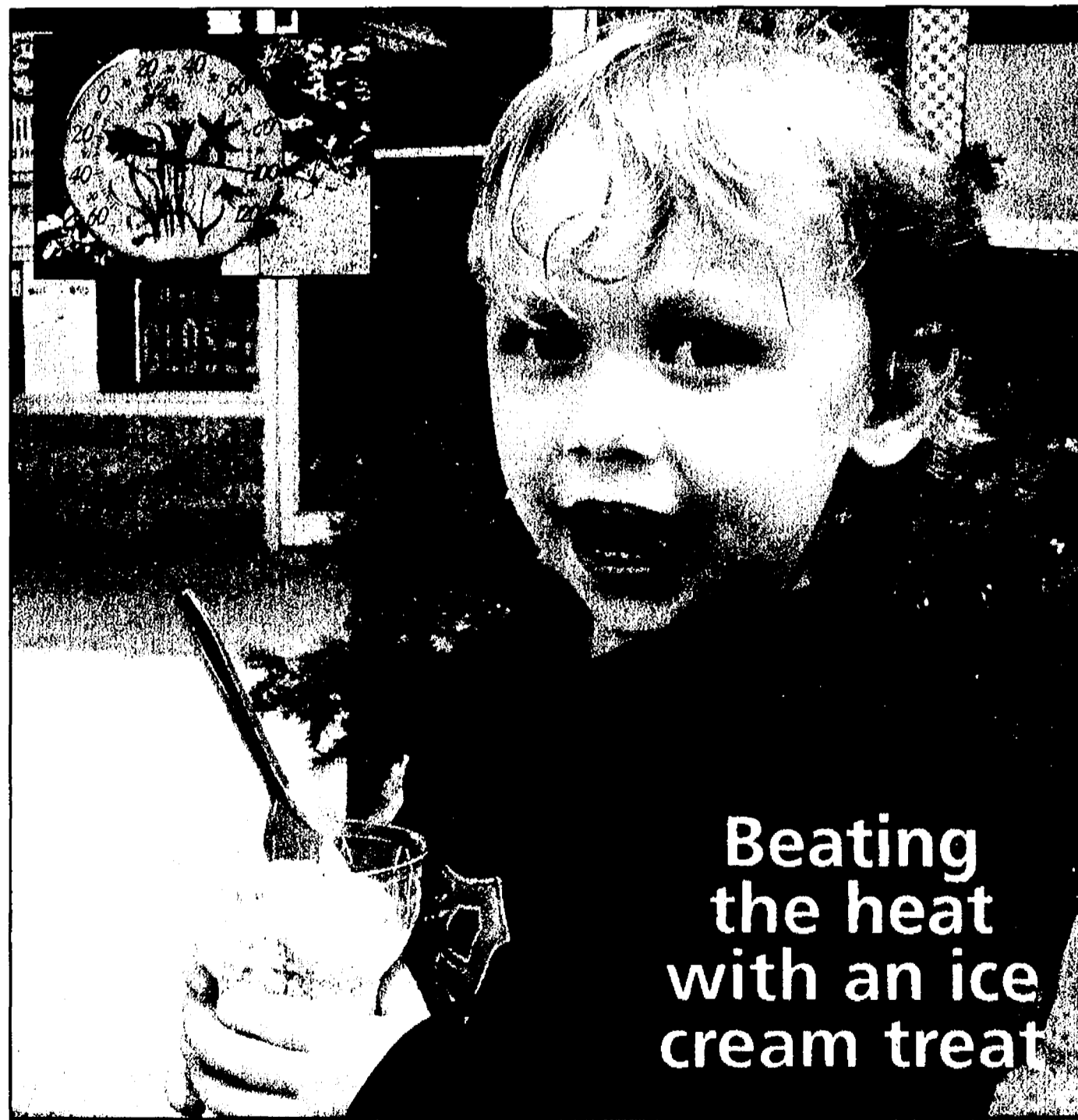
Triebold, Lajoie win Spike's Challenge

Photos by Caleb Casey

Andy Triebold, who won the 2011 Spike's Challenge C-2 race with Steve Lajoie, carries the front of their canoe into the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during the start of the event on Sunday, July 24. Triebold and Lajoie have now won the Spike's Challenge C-2 race four consecutive times. Triebold has won it nine consecutive times. See Page 1B for more on the C-2 race.



Steve Lajoie paddles during the start of the Spike's Challenge C-1 race on Saturday night. Lajoie won the C-2 race with Andy Triebold and took second place in the C-1 race. See Page 4B for more on the C-1 event.



Beating the heat with an ice cream treat

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Hot and humid temperatures last week and weekend sent area residents and visitors to the lakes and rivers, air conditioned stores and ice cream shops. Retailers sold out of air conditioners and shoppers and soldiers training at Camp Grayling purchased several fans. The Crawford County Emergency Management Office established a cooling station at the Grayling Senior Center, where people would get out of the sweltering heat for awhile. Nick Schwartz, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office located just south of Gaylord, said the temperature in the Grayling area peaked on Wednesday, July 20 at 95 degrees. With the heat index, factoring in the humidity, Schwartz said it felt like it was between 98 and 99 degrees. Schwartz said the record temperature for the Grayling-Houghton Lake was recorded on July 20, 1926, when it reached 99 degrees. Above, Lahken Forbes, 2, of Grayling, was treated to an ice cream sundae after dinner. Inset, Barbara Febey provided this photo of the outdoor weather thermometer in her backyard reaching the 100 degree mark.

AuSable Marathon slated for July 30

Near-record field, 91 canoes, registered for this year's race

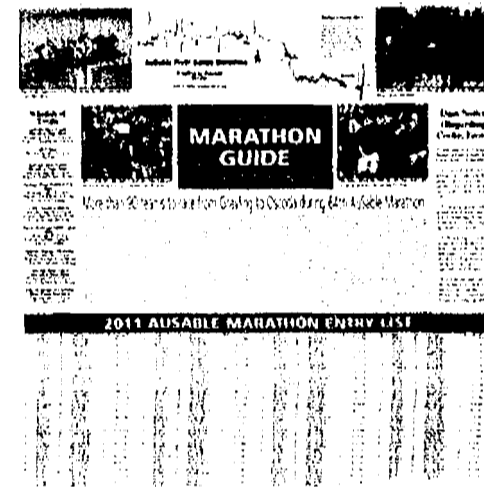
by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

A near-record field – 91 paddling teams were registered as of the final cutoff on Monday, July 25 – will race from Grayling to Oscoda during the 64th AuSable River Canoe Marathon this weekend.

First, the AuSable Marathon will determine starting positions for the race with a three-day time trials event slated for July 27-29. Teams will paddle a looped course – downstream first, upstream on the way back – at Penrod's in an event that often provides a solid forecast of which teams will vie for the top spots during the race. Last year, for example, 10 of the top 20 teams were from the AuSable area. See **AUSABLE** | Pg. 13A

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Jobs saved at Shawono Center as youth treatment continues

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Camp Shawono and the community made the pitch to keep the facility open earlier this year, state lawmakers went to bat during consideration for the state's upcoming fiscal year budget and now the staff will continue providing a safety net to get youth back into the game of life.

Camp Shawono staff hosted an open house last week to mark that the facility, which was on the chopping block for the state's budget ax, will stay in operation.

State Senators and Representatives, Department of Human Services employees, judicial representatives, local officials and citizens were invited to attend the open house.

In February, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder announced that the Shawono Center, which is located on Howes Lake Road about six miles west of Grayling, would be closed as part of a two-year plan to address state budget woes. The Shawono Center has an annual budget of \$5.4 million.

A contingency of State Senators and Representatives, who played a crucial role in keeping the juvenile detention facility open, attended the open house last week.

"We recognized the good work that is being done here and the value the state is getting for the tax dollars here versus other places around the state," said Sen. John Moolenaar, R-Midland, whose district includes Crawford County.

State lawmakers said they focused on saving dollars, while prioritizing the spending of funds throughout the state for the 2010-11 fiscal year during negotiations.

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Court of Appeals upholds ruling for Leaning Oaks Cat Haven

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In 2009, Beaver Creek Township planners denied a special use permit for Guay, essentially shutting down the non-profit cat rescue operation. Beaver Creek Township Zoning Administrator Gerald Balms recommended Guay seek the special use permit to have a home occupation after receiving several complaints from neighbors about feral cats around her property.

Guay's property is located in a residentially zoned neighborhood, where the operation of business is prohibited, with the exception of a home occupation.

Guay applied to have the cat haven considered as a home business, feline rescue, trapping and adoption and monthly shot clinic under township regulations.

The Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission ruled that the Leaning Oaks Cat Haven did not qualify as a home occupation and denied her request for a special use permit.

Under Beaver Creek Township ordinance regulation, the planning commission has the final say in special use decisions.

Grayling Attorney Adam Vernon argued that Guay's due process rights were violated as far as the use of her property. He also sought to have the Crawford County Circuit Court assume jurisdiction of the case.

Michigan Court of Appeals Justices ruled that

Murphy was correct in deciding the court had no jurisdiction over the matter. The Justices also said Murphy was accurate to rule that Guay failed to exhaust her administrative remedies in a timely manner. Finally, they ruled that Guay's claim should be barred and considered a collateral attack on the planning commission's decision.

"The substance of the plaintiff's claim for declaratory relief seeks what the planning commission explicitly denied, a determination that her cat rescue constitutes a home occupation under the ordinance," the Michigan Court of Appeals Justices said in their ruling.

Guay has adopted out 49 cats over the years and still has 29 cats in her care.

Guay said she is waiting to see what Beaver Creek Township officials and Balms are going to do after receiving the court opinion.

"We're just in limbo," Guay said. "There's not much else we can do."

Guay said Vernon has agreed to represent her if the township takes any further court action against her or if the township starts levying fines.

Guay, however, said she does not have the means to fund a long-term legal battle.

"I'm struggling just like everybody else," Guay said. "You've got to hope for another miracle - I guess."

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Brian Ashton referred calls to Balms. Balms did not contact the Crawford County Avalanche, and Ashton subsequently referred calls to William Parker, who served as the township's attorney in the case.

Parker said details on what the township is going to do to resolve the zoning issue with the cat rescue are in local hands.

"That is the township's decision as far as what they are going to do moving forward," Parker said.

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Kid's Day kicks off AuSable River Festival

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dozens of youth and their families converged on the Grayling City Park on Tuesday for the AuSable River Festival's Kid's Day, which kicked off the community's five-day festival. Above, Evan Duba, 1, of Grayling, crawls through a caterpillar tube.

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Last year, the COA's Meals on Wheels program provided 42,366 meals to over 1,000 seniors. The COA also provided 6,000 hours of homemaking, personal and respite care services in 2010.

The COA provides nearly three dozen social activities for the senior citizens at the Grayling Senior Center and also sponsors monthly bus trips to area activities and attractions in the region.

According to 2010 Census data, Crawford County's total population was 14,074 people.

Of that number, 4,021 or 29 percent, were people age 60 or older, which was an increase of two percent in the senior citizen population since 2009.

The Baby Boomer generation, which includes people who are 45 to 60, was 3,628 or 26 percent of the county's total population.

"As you can see, the group coming up that will seek our services is just as big as what we are serving now," said Alice Snyder, the COA director.

By contrast, the population of youth age 19 and younger, included 3,628 residents or 26 percent of the county's total population.

Snyder noted that in 2007, the percentage of population flipped with a greater number of residents 60 and over than those 19 and below.

Since then, the 19 and

under population has gone down and the senior population rate of 60 and older has gone up each year.

"The renewal is critical to the Commission on Aging and the Grayling Senior Center staying active to provide much needed services to our senior citizens, but the second proposal is needed to start preparing to serve our increase in senior citizens over the next five years that the millage is slated to be collected," Snyder said.

The Crawford County Transportation Authority is seeking .7027 mill renewal. The millage currently generates \$403,129 per year. If approved by voters, the millage would continue to be levied for five years. The renewal is needed to keep busses moving as the Crawford County Transportation Authority faces funding cuts.

Julee Dean, the executive director for the Crawford County Transportation Authority, said ridership has exceeded 10,000 people per month.

"I think that shows the need for transportation in the county," Dean said.

Crawford County Transportation Authority dispatchers track its ridership closely. They take children to care and school, people to shopping and local medical appointments and also get people to work.

"Without us, they would have no way to get there," she said.

The Crawford County

Transportation Authority also provides transportation for non-emergency medical appointments so Crawford County residents can get to appointments and treatment in Traverse City, Gaylord, West Branch and Roscommon.

Dean said she has received positive feedback on the services the Crawford County Transportation Authority provides.

"It's been very positive, so I'm very confident that our voters will support us," she said.

The Crawford County Transportation Authority Board could have sought more millage funds, but stuck to just asking for the rate it is receiving to help people in the current economic times. Bus fares for children, senior citizens and the handicapped remain at 50 cents, while bus fares for others is just \$1.00.

"The last thing the board wants to do is raise fares and they don't want to cut services," Dean said.

Crawford County voting locations for the Aug. 3 primary include: Beaver Creek Township Hall, Frederic Township Hall, Lovells Township Hall, Maple Forest Township, Grayling Charter Township Hall, Grayling City Hall and the South Branch Township Hall. The voting polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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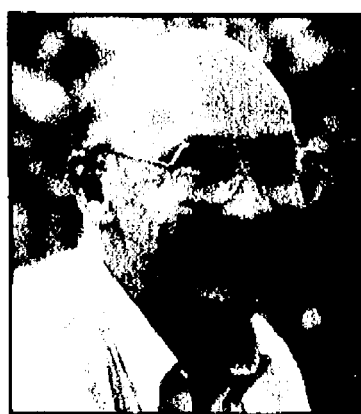
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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Mandatory biker helmets? Most folks in favor

ALMOST SEVENTY percent of those who read this essay will disagree with its conclusion that motorcycle riders should not be forced by law to wear helmets.

The Michigan Senate has passed a bill that would change existing state law that requires helmets for bikers. The Michigan House may or may not get aboard the idea, and it's unsure if the governor would approve it.

A recent poll of 600 Michigan voters showed that 68 percent favor mandatory helmets, and only 31 percent favor the Senate bill with one percent undecided.

That's not unexpected. Riding without helmets would mean more severe accidents for cyclists, which mean more deaths and more lasting brain injuries, which mean longer and more expensive medical care for the unfortunate victims of serious accidents, which means more dollars from

taxpayers to pay for the long-term medical treatment seriously brain-injured and unhelmeted motorcyclists would receive and can't pay for, which would mean higher insurance costs for the rest of us.

The Insurance Institute of Michigan opposes the bill, claiming no-helmet cycling would increase deaths and injuries and increase insurance costs.

THE SENATE BILL, recognizing some of the valid arguments of the pro-helmet majority, would require all riders must be 21 to go without a helmet if they have been licensed for motorcycles for two at least two years or have passed a safety course.

Motorcyclists would need insurance to cover up to \$100,000 in medical costs in case of an accident, which is a paltry sum if head injuries are involved and extreme brain damage and long term health care are considered.

The proposed law would be good for four years, during which time the secretary of state would study motorcycle accidents to see if the law should be changed.

THESE ARE all good points. Helmets are safer, and any cyclist with half a brain would wear a helmet anyway, even if the law does not require it.

While some no-helmet reasons have been advanced, such as it would bring tourist dollars to Michigan, the only real argument against mandatory helmets is that it takes a personal and free choice away from the individual. Government again is dictating yet again how we must conduct our lives.

Although I never have driven a motorcycle and have no desire to do so -- nor even to ride on one -- I endorse that argument. I think helmets or no helmets should be the personal choice of motorcyclists.

The mandatory helmet law is protecting individuals from themselves. It should be a personal responsibility to keep ourselves safe, not a government telling us what to do.

I FEEL THE same way about the mandatory seat belt law. Again, anyone with an ounce of common sense and concern about their own safety or that of anyone riding in their car would wear a seat belt, and require their passengers to wear a belt, too.

All the arguments about safety and accidents and injuries and responsibilities cited in the motorcycle helmet argument are the same for seat belts, too, but in my view, these are personal responsibilities and should not be by government edict.

The idea of special and periodic police crackdowns on drivers who do not wear seat belts -- the so-called "Click It or Ticket" campaigns -- are a waste of

police time and public dollars. They should be shelved, even if seat belts are mandatory.

If only 31 percent of the public does not approve of choice on motorcycle helmets, probably even fewer would agree with personal choice for automobile seat belts.

PERSONAL NOTE -- As noted above, riding a motorcycle is only one of many things I have never done.

I have never gone hunting for deer, or pheasants, or quail, or squirrel or any other game, and have no interest in doing so, which for a healthy native male Michiganian might be considered heresy.

I have never discharged a firearm of any sort since I left the United States Army, and have no desire to do so.

I have never tweeted or twittered or facebooked or skyped or even texted, and have no plans to do so, although that may change as

the encompassing tentacles of electronic communication grab even more of our lives.

I have never ordered a pizza to be delivered; I always do pickup myself. That is subject to change, however, as I grow older, but I wouldn't bet on it.

CORRECTION -- In the recent column about US Rep. Dale Kildee's plans to leave Congress, and the likelihood that his nephew, Dan Kildee, will be a candidate to replace him, I got the Dans and the Dales mixed up a couple of times. I plead guilty. It's just such an identity uncertainty among voters that could help Dan Kildee if he does indeed run to succeed Uncle Dale.

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Letters to the Editor

Help keep this service going

To the editor:

This letter is to prompt voters to pass the mileage renewal on Aug. 2, 2011. Some of the comments are from people who have expressed the kindness and out of the ordinary things from services with Crawford County Dial-a-Ride.

I, for one was very thankful for the courtesy I received from

Heidi and Sue while going through radiation in Traverse City. They went far beyond my expectations.

Wilbur Near takes Dial-a-Ride three times a week for dialysis and is very pleased with the treatments he gets from them.

Roy Bryant has been using Dial-a-Ride for years and the drivers have gone out of their

way to help him by carrying in his groceries, etc., and being happy to do it.

Also they help a lot of people with wheelchairs, walkers and scooters.

Help keep this service going.

Joyce Sorenson
Grayling

Many are dependent on this service

To the editor:

My mother, who is now deceased, used Dial-a-Ride as her primary mode of transportation for years. She was able to get to the store and to her appointments without worrying about how she would get there. I

know that many seniors (and others) are dependent on this service and would not have a way to get around without them.

I now use Dial-a-Ride for the bus trip they make to the casino every month. This gives me a chance to get out and enjoy a day

with other people.

Please support Dial-a-Ride and help keep this service available to our community.

Deanne Weiss
Grayling

Dial-a-Ride provides a vital service

To the editor:

Dial-a-Ride provides a vital service to Crawford County. I know many people who depend on it for all their transportation

needs. I also was able to ride the van to Traverse City for my recent treatments. I was not always the only rider.

We need this service in our

county.

Patricia Germain
Grayling

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper

use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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Viewpoint

By Sharon Greenhoe, Region 9 Area Agency on Aging

Long term care ombudsman volunteer needed

The Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program began in 1972 and works to educate, empower, and advocate for residents of licensed long term care skilled nursing facilities and the residents' families.

Working with local ombudsman staff, trained volunteer ombudsmen focus on the wishes of residents, working to improve these individuals' quality of life and quality of care.

The Long Term Care Ombudsman program of Northeast Michigan is in need of ombudsman volunteers in the counties of Alpena, Presque Isle, Alcona, Ogemaw, Roscommon, and Crawford. If you are someone who faces challenges with sensitivity and determination, you're just the kind of person we need.

Please consider this unique and rewarding opportunity, which requires a minimum commitment of a few hours per month for one year. As a volunteer ombudsman, you will receive initial training and continuing support, recognition for a job well done, rewarding relationships with residents and other volunteers, and an opportunity to be a partner in fostering dignity of residents of long term care facilities.

To learn more about the Long Term Care Ombudsman program, please call Sharon Greenhoe, local ombudsman, at the Area Agency on Aging, 989-358-4630.

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Church to hold Pancake breakfast

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and is sponsored by the youth. The Ice Cream Social will be from noon to 4 p.m.

Rotary to hold Annual Chicken BBQ

The Grayling Rotary Club will be holding their Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 30, from noon to 6 p.m., at the American Legion Post 106, on the I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the door or from any Grayling Rotarian. All proceeds go for community good works.

Girls Tennis Clinic to be held

A Girls Tennis Clinic will be held Aug. 2 - 5, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the tennis courts behind GHS. This is for girls only and for those soon to be 7th - 12th graders. All levels of experience accepted. Balls provided, rackets available. Please wear proper attire (workout clothes, tennis shoes, etc.) Confirmation or questions, call Danielle at 989-915-0465.

Church to host VBS

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will hold "Shake It Up Cafe" Vacation Bible School. It will begin on Aug. 1 - 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will end Aug. 7, 10 a.m. to noon at MMUMC, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling. Call Michelle at 348-2974, to sign up.

Angelfood distribution announced

Angelfood distribution will be Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Food must be picked up at the time above or it will be given to someone in need. Bring a large box or cooler for your food. Next month's orders may be placed on distribution day.

CASA soccer registration now open

Fall registration for CASA soccer is now open. Travel is open till Aug. 5. Rec. registration is open till Aug. 22. Registration forms are available at Xpress Copy Center, library or graylingsoccer.org. Any questions, please email Kim at kbmlsprtel@gmail.com.

Football golf outing set for Aug. 6

The GHS football program will host its Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Grayling Country Club starting at 10 a.m. The cost for a four-person team is \$300. This includes an 18-hole scramble round, dinner, a T-shirt, and a chance to win raffle prizes. Individuals are welcome to come for \$75 per person. This year participants will also have a chance to win a car from Scheer Motors with a hole-in-one. Contact Tim Sanchez at tsanchez@casdk12.net if you are interested.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

AuSable Free Clinic celebrates six years of service

The AuSable Free Clinic will be celebrating its sixth anniversary on Friday, Aug. 5, with an open house and a quilt raffle.

The open house is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and three homemade and donated quilts will be raffled off between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the clinic located at 1250 East Michigan Avenue, Building D.

AuSable Free Clinic, Inc. was started in 2005 by community members and health care providers concerned with the medical care of the low-income, uninsured patients in the area. The free clinic relies on grants and donations to serve patients in Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda and Montmorency counties. Donations include volunteer hours, donated equipment, cash and in-kind services.

In 2010 the clinic served 693 patients, 263 of those

patients were new patients to the clinic. The clinic currently has over 75 volunteers who logged 980 hours in 2010. Also in 2010, the clinic's Medication Access program helped patients to get free or low cost medications at a savings of \$541,365.

Raffle tickets for the quilts are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. Tickets may be purchased at the clinic location, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information call (989) 348-0740.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for July 24 of \$25 each: Steve Pepsin, Natasha Osborne, Nancy Kustra and Lynn Starr.

Pettalia hosting deer baiting town hall meetings

DNR, NRC, governor reps taking comments on northeast Michigan ban

State Rep. Peter Pettalia and Dick Posthumus, senior policy advisor to Gov. Rick Snyder, invite the public to town hall meetings on Aug. 9 in Alcona Township and Alpena to discuss the deer baiting ban that remains in effect for Northeast Michigan.

Last month, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources lifted the statewide ban on deer baiting for the entire Lower Peninsula, except in Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Iosco, Oscoda, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. Last month, Pettalia introduced House Resolution 108 to encourage the DNR to allow baiting in the region for a two-year trial, which was approved by the House on June 30.

"Deer baiting is an important economic issue for our area - it adds to the hunting experience and draws people to our local communities, which rely heavily on the annual deer season for jobs and successful businesses," Pettalia said. "I'm hoping we'll have a big crowd of people turn out to share

their views and opinions, whether they're hunters for or against it, or don't hunt, but want to express an opinion or viewpoint."

Pettalia and Posthumus will be joined by representatives from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission to listen to the public comments at the Alcona Township Hall (5576 N. US-23 in Black River) from 1 to 3 p.m.

The group will then move to Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center (500 W. Fletcher St. in Alpena) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The program at both meetings will consist of a short presentation on the history, current status and projected outlook of bovine tuberculosis and the deer baiting ban, followed by a question and answer comment session.

People unable to attend a meeting but wanting to submit a comment, or for more information about the town hall meetings, can contact Pettalia's office toll free at (877) 737-4106, as well as by email at peterpettalia@house.mi.gov.

Library News

Celebrate the AuSable River Parade with the library this year! Kids (ages 6-12) and volunteers will be dressed in various costumes from around the world as part of our "One World, Many Stories" summer reading program. The parade is on Saturday, July 30 and we will be meeting at the Devereaux Library parking lot no later than 2 p.m., the parade begins at 3 p.m. Note: Devereaux Memorial Library will be closed that day. If you have any questions or your child could not attend our costume making program on July 21, contact Jane at 348-9214.

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to Devereaux Memorial Library every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. for "Story Hour" with Miss Connie. Join us for this fun, interactive program filled with stories,

crafts and a snack. Call Connie Meyer at 348-9214 for additional information or if you would be interested in an afternoon session.

Love to read? Enjoy book club? Then we bet you have a story line or two rolling around in your head just waiting for paper & pen! Jot those thoughts down today and plan to join us at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, August 2 at 5 p.m. for "Write On!" Enjoy an hour of creative sharing and encouragement with others who also have a story or poem in mind. Trust us, we won't groan if you say, upon leaving the library - "Write On!" is right on.

Correction - The "Art Show" will be held on Aug. 11, not July 11, as stated in a previous edition.

Area Events

Roscommon - A free concert at the Gazebo will be held on Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. Maggie's Standard Time Band will perform. This is a five person band with piano, bass, drums, saxophone and vocals playing a variety of jazz and swing. If the weather is inclement, the concert will be in the CRAW Center gym.



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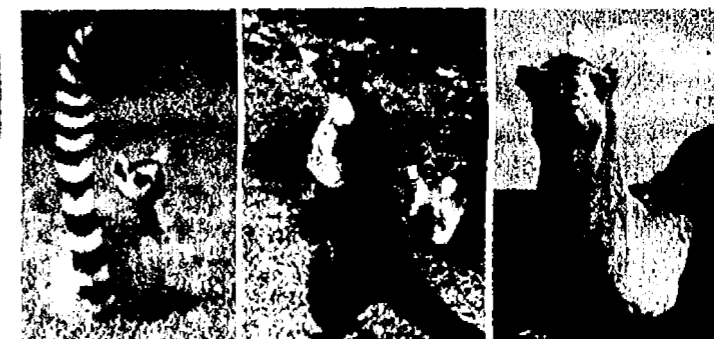
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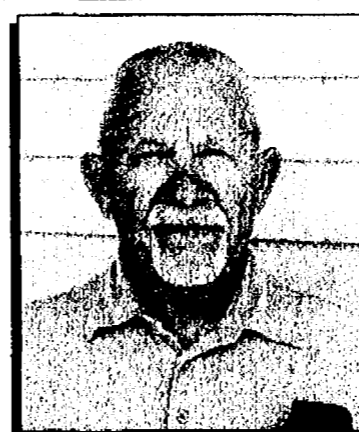
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"Great service. I would be totally lost without Dial-A-Ride." - Al Cherven

Generally speaking, the Constitution allows a maximum of 15.0 mills to be levied by local units of government. Anything in excess of this is by definition, an increase. For example, CCTA, COA, the Library, and GRA are all increases that are over and above the constitutionally set limit of 15.0 mills.

Local units are allowed to exceed this limit only by a vote of the people.

This request millage is a **RENEWAL** of the current rates.

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The Bible Speaks

The Armour of Light

In Romans 13:11-13 we have been studying how we are to live in these last days: "11And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."

We shall examine what is meant by the phrase, "let us put on the armour of light." The word "armour" in this verse is "hoplon" in the Greek and speaks of military weapons or instruments. In 2 Corinthians 10:4 we read: "4(For the weapons (hoplon) of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.); In Romans 6:13 "hoplon" is translated "instruments" and speaks of the same truth: "13Neither yield ye your members as instruments (hoplon) of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments (hoplon) of righteousness unto God."

Believers are in a spiritual war in this evil world system. Paul charged Timothy in 1 Timothy 1:18: "18This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare." In 1 Timothy 6:12 he said, "12Fight the good fight of faith...." In 2 Timothy 2:3 he says, "3Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Facing death as a martyr in Rome, Paul's words in 2 Timothy 4:7 were: "7I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I

have kept the faith."

Israel won many battles by faith in their God as the Lord of hosts or armies. Hebrews 11:30 tells us how the high wall of Jericho were torn down: "30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days." In Judges 7:20-22 we are told how Gideon defeated an opposing army with trumpets, pitchers, and their cry of faith: "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." In Judges 15:15,16 we are told how Samson found a new jawbone of an ass and slew a thousand men with it in his war against the Philistines.

In Ephesians 6:13-17 we are instructed how to put on the whole armour of God: "13Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Notice that every part of the body is covered with armour but the back. We are not to turn our backs and run in battle. Each part of the armour is God's word which protects the loins, the breast, the feet, and the head. The defensive weapon is the shield of faith, and our only offensive weapon is God's word. "Let us put on the armour of light." Pastor "B".

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Obituaries

Arthur H. Tessin

Arthur H. Tessin Jr., 85, of Big Rapids, formerly of Grayling passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2011.

He was born August 25, 1925 in Saginaw the son of Arthur H. and Vera (Crane) Tessin.

He left school to serve in World War II and returned to graduate with the 1946 class of Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw. He was honorably discharged from the United States Navy after serving during World War II. He later enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged after serving in the Korean War.

Following his discharge, he lived in Detroit where he met and married Marion Smale. The couple moved to California in 1955.

Art was a gifted salesman and had been employed as a Vice President for Motorola and the branch manager of Sanders & Sullivan/Peterson Insurance Agency while in California.

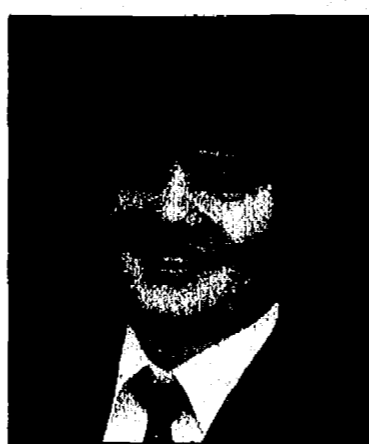
Art and Marion along with their children moved back to Michigan in 1969 to be closer to other family, where he continued in sales for many years. Art and Marion finally made their home in Grayling where, for over 30 years, Art was established as a self employed Locksmith. After Marion's death in 2009, Art moved to Big Rapids to be near his family.

No matter where he lived Arthur was very civic minded. He contributed to his community and was a member of several organizations including the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge #0154 of Saginaw Valley and Lodge #356 of Grayling, Eagles aerie #3465 of Grayling, a charter member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge #2400 of Milpitas, California and the Grayling Rotary Club.

He is survived by two children; a son, Kriss M. (Deborah) Tessin of Big Rapids; a daughter, Kim Hard of Monticello, Georgia; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, two brothers, Jim and Willard "Bud" Tessin and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents and wife Marion, Arthur was preceded in death by a sister, Joan.

There are no public services being planned at this time. Those wishing to share a memory with the family or leave a condolence may do so at www.daggettgilbertfuneralhome.com.



Kevin Denholm

Kevin Denholm went home to be with his Lord Sunday, July 24, 2011.

He was born October 3, 1992.

He was generous, loving, outgoing and always put others before him. He was athletic and loved sports, and he loved his Lord with all his heart. If there was fun involved, Kevin was all for it! He enjoyed time with friends and being with family. His presence always brought light to a room, and he never stopped smiling.

He attended Grace Baptist Christian School K-11 grades, and graduated from Gaylord High in 2010. He attended NCMC for one year and was planning to continue courses at Olivet College in the fall. He had the dream of becoming an orthodontist due to experiences as the result of a childhood injury.

He is survived by his father, Craig and step-mother, Sue Denholm; mother, Diane Denholm; brother, Kyle (Kendra) Denholm; nephew, Hamish; niece, Brianna; brother, David (Gloria) Denholm; step-brother, Brian Soper; step-sister, Lori (Darryl) Lipinski; niece, Lena.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, Kevin requested that donations be made to the bus ministry of Grace Baptist Church where he served with passion for many years, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Friends may offer their condolences online at www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com.

Area Events

Houghton Lake - The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Church welcomes new minister



Laura and Brian Metz

The Grayling Church of Christ welcomed a new minister, Brian Metz and his wife, Laura, on Sunday, July 10.

Metz received his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Languages in 2008 from Harding University in Searcy, Ark. He is currently working on his Master of Divinity through long distance classes at Harding School of Trinity.

Before moving to Grayling, Metz worked as the associate minister of the

Portage Church of Christ in southwest Michigan. About the move, Metz said, "I am greatly looking forward to becoming a part of the community of Grayling in general, and working with the Grayling Church of Christ in particular."

The Church of Christ in Grayling first met in 1976, and was ministered to by Gordon French for many years. The building is located just south of town at 7540 Old 27 South.

Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Aug. 4-10 will be as follows:

Small arms ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, Aug. 4-10.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Grayling Moorestown Road/Cadillac Road and on the south by Carrier Road, Aug. 4-7.

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Aug. 4-10.

The 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Aug. 4-7.

The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River

Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, Aug. 4-10.

In addition, the following roads will be closed Aug. 4-16: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; Wakeley Bridge Road from Country Road 612 to North Down River Road.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 112 complaints the week of July 18 - July 24.

One suicide, 25 general non-criminal complaints, four false alarm activations, one assault-intimidation-stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary-forced entry-residence, three larcenies, two larcenies-pocket picking, one fraudulent activities, two damage to property complaints, one damage to property-business property, one damage to property-private property, one marijuana producing, six disorderly conduct complaints, two disturbing the peace complaints, four public

peace/disorderly complaints, one public peace complaint, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating with a blood alcohol level of .17 percent or more, one portable signal preemption device, four health and safety reports, two health and safety violations, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, nine traffic accidents, five traffic violations-civil infractions, two traffic policing appearances, seven investigations-family trouble, eight suspicious situations, 16 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, three driving on revoked/suspended license complaints and one reckless driving.

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501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
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• Sunday Morning Worship: 11am
• Wednesday Evening Service: 7pm
• Prayer & Praise: 7pm
URL: <http://www.graylingchurchalive.com>
E-mail: pastor@graylingchurchalive.com

St. Francis Episcopal Church
The Rev. Elizabeth M. Chace, Rector
6441 West M-72, Grayling, MI
Church Office: 989-348-5530
stfrancisgrayling.com
July: Sunday Worship Services at 9:30am
Wednesday Holy Eucharist 8:30am
Followed by Bible Study
Bible Study: Tues. 7-8pm (989-348-2572)
GRACE Center: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (989-348-2541)

Bear Lake Christian Church
Pastor: Scott Holter
231 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI
(Corner of M-72 & Bear Lake Rd.)
251-258-6107
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday School: 9am
Youth Group: Wed. Evenings 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting: Wed. Evenings 5:30pm
Adult Bible Study: Wed. Evenings 6:45pm
Women's Bible Study: Thurs. 10am & 7pm
Thurs. Sunday of each month
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www.bearlakechristianchurch.org

Lowell Community Chapel
Pastor Sam Smith
8133 Bald Hill Rd., off Co. Rd. 612
989-348-2701
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Wednesday Evening Worship 7 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
Sunday School: 9:45am
Morning Worship: 10:30am
Evening Worship: 7pm
Wednesday: 7pm
Prayer & Ananias Club (Wed): 7pm
989-348-9220
M-72 West, Grayling

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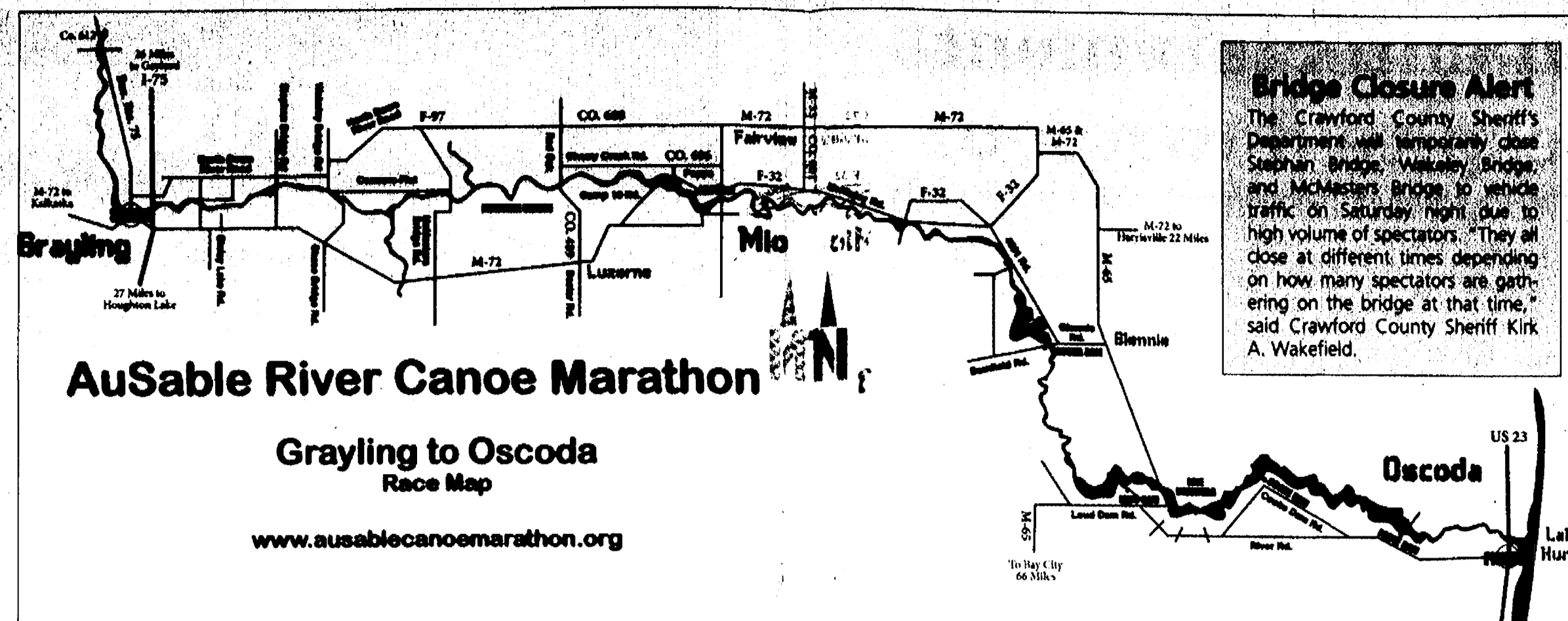
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Four teams approach Cooke Dam during the 2007 AuSable River Canoe Marathon.



Teams run with their canoes during the start of the 2008 AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

Schedule of Events

AuSable River Canoe Marathon Time Trials
Wednesday, July 27, 4-8 p.m.
Penrod's AuSable River Resort

HUP Race
Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m.
City Park

AuSable River Canoe Marathon Time Trials
Thursday, July 28, 4-8 p.m.
Penrod's AuSable River Resort

Springs Wood Products C-1 Race
Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m.
Penrod's AuSable River Resort to Burton's Landing

GRA's Business Relays
Thursday, July 28, 4:30 p.m.
Penrod's AuSable River Resort to Old AuSable Fly Shop

Casey Challenge Youth Canoe Race
Friday, July 29, 10 a.m.
Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing

Special Olympics Challenge
Friday, July 29, 4:30 p.m.
Penrod's AuSable River Resort to Borchers AuSable Canoeing

AuSable River Canoe Marathon Time Trials
Friday, July 29, 2-5:30 p.m.
Penrod's AuSable River Resort

64th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon
Saturday, July 30, 9 p.m.
Grayling to Oscoda



Steve Lajoie, left, and Andrew Triebold, right, walk past the crowd during last year's paddler introductions.

2011 AuSable River Canoe MARATHON GUIDE For Spectators & Fans



Fans dance during the 2010 AuSable Marathon's pre-race program at the Old AuSable Fly Shop.

More than 90 teams to race from Grayling to Oscoda during 64th AuSable Marathon

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling to Oscoda. One-hundred and twenty miles. Nighttime. More than 90 canoes. Nearly 200 competitors and thousands of spectators.

The 2011 AuSable River Canoe Marathon – the 64th race in the event's history – is slated for this weekend.

This year's AuSable Marathon will feature a near-record field, with 91 paddling teams signed up as of the final cutoff on Monday, July 25 (95 registered, minus four that have officially withdrawn). It's possible more teams will bow out of the event before the start of the race, so the final number will not be known until Saturday.

The marathon established new participation records for four consecutive years prior to this year's event. The 2010 race featured 94 paddling teams, 82 of which finished. Both numbers were new records. The record set in 2009 was 90 teams with 75 finishers. In 2008, 66 of 76 teams reached the finish line. In 2007 – the year

in which the AuSable Marathon marked its 60th anniversary – the event set a new record at 75 canoes (with 58 finishers, the same amount as 2006).

It's a long race – teams finish in 14 to 19 hours – and not everyone will make it. Illness, fatigue, or injury often force teams to withdraw during the race. Also, teams that do not meet specific timing criteria – there are 15 total timing checkpoints in the AuSable Marathon – are disqualified.

Recently (2003 through 2010), the AuSable Marathon has had a finish rate between 75 and 90 percent. The finish rate for the AuSable Marathon's last eight races combined is 83 percent (480 of 575).

With the expansion of time trials this year the AuSable River Canoe Marathon now spans five days – three for sprints for position and one weekend for the actual Grayling to Oscoda race.

For many years the time trials event has been a two-day affair on Thursday and Friday during the week of the marathon, but with the recent growth of the race –

2010's record field was 31 percent larger than 2003's group – the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee opted to add a third day for sprints. Also, the committee changed the end time from 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. for sprints.

"We added one day and shortened them up a bit," said John Lucey, member of the AuSable Marathon Committee. "We're not going into the dark like the last few years."

Time trials are scheduled for 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, July 27 and 28, and 2-5 p.m. on Friday, July 29. At time trials all AuSable Marathon teams paddle a looped course that starts and ends at Penrod's. The first half involves paddling downstream and the teams return to the starting line paddling upstream. It takes teams between 5.5 and 11 minutes to finish.

Want to know which teams are the most likely to finish in the top spots on Sunday during the marathon? Time trials are often a strong indicator for teams either finishing at the front or at the back (or not at all) dur-

ing the 120-mile race. In general, the best AuSable Marathon teams finish well at sprints (between 5.5 and 6 minutes).

In 2010, 10 of the top 13 teams at sprints also posted top-13 finishes in the AuSable Marathon. Six of the top seven sprint teams finished in the top seven during the 2009 marathon. In 2008 all of the top 13 teams at time trials finished in the AuSable Marathon's top 13.

In recent marathons (2003 through 2010), the fastest teams at sprints have had a high overall finish rate. In the last eight AuSable Marathons, 72 teams have posted sprint times under the six-minute mark, and 64 of those have completed the race (almost 90 percent). Among those 64 finishers, the lowest placement was 20th. Of the 72 teams to stay under six minutes for their sprint, 55 of them (76 percent) went on to finish in the AuSable Marathon's top 10 that year.

The 2010 AuSable River Canoe Marathon champions, Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, posted the best sprint

time during last year's time trials (5:35.82). Triebold and Lajoie also had the best sprint time in 2009 (5:34.45), a year in which they won their second consecutive marathon.

The slowest teams at time trials rarely finish the AuSable Marathon. From 2003 through 2010, 21 teams posted sprint times exceeding the 10-minute mark, and only three of those (14 percent) finished the race (78th/82 in 2010, 58th/75 in 2009, 47th/58 in 2007). The finish rate for teams in the 9-10 minute sprint range during that same eight-year period is 50 percent (7 of 14).

After the three-day sprint event teams will know their starting positions for Saturday. On race night, teams line up their canoes on Peninsula Avenue, five per row, according to their time trials results (first through fifth place sprint teams in the first row, sixth through 10th place sprint teams in the second row, etc.).

At 9 p.m. teams will run with their canoes down Peninsula Avenue and enter the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop.

The teams that finish will reach Oscoda in 14 to 19 hours. The paddlers complete most of the race course during the nighttime hours and they have to navigate several portages at hydroelectric dams along the way.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department will close three bridges in the area – Stephen, Wakeley, and McMaister, all of which are popular viewing spots for the AuSable Marathon – to vehicle traffic on Saturday night due to high numbers of spectators.

"They all close at different times depending on how many spectators are gathering on the bridge at that time," said Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield. "As always my main concern is spectator safety and respect for other people's property when following the race."

For more information on the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, including results of the race as it progresses, visit the event's official website: www.ausablecanoe-marathon.org.

Dam Notice (Regarding Cooke, Foote)

A statement from Consumers Energy and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee:

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"(2) Security guards will be posted at both dams, and they will be monitoring the entrance to the dams, as well as inspecting coolers for alcohol.

"(3) No loitering or wandering on the deck of the dam or near dam equipment. Spectators and feeders are asked to cross the deck to the portaging/spectating area in a quick, courteous, and orderly fashion.

"This is for the safety and security of spectators, feeders, volunteers, and paddlers alike. Please be respectful of Consumers Energy property."

2011 AUSABLE MARATHON ENTRY LIST

Canoe #	Paddlers	Age	Home/Location	ARCms	Sprint Day/Time	Canoe #	Paddlers	Age	Home/Location	ARCms	Sprint Day/Time	Canoe #	Paddlers	Age	Home/Location	ARCms	Sprint Day/Time	Canoe #	Paddlers	Age	Home/Location	ARCms	Sprint Day/Time
42	Jon Thompson	54	Lewiston, Michigan	10	Wed, 04:00pm	50	Joel Mack	37	Grayling, Michigan	0	Wed, 06:40pm	99	Walt Harrison	52	Whittemore, Michigan	1	Thu, 05:25pm	55	Jay Wichter	19	Grayling, Michigan	3	Thu, 07:45pm
	Ellen Thompson	54	Lewiston, Michigan	5			Zach Mack	15	Grayling, Michigan	0			Travis Harrison	29	Clare, Michigan	2			Ryan Harris	20	Grayling, Michigan	2	
46	John Lucey	47	Grayling, Michigan	8	Wed, 04:05pm	05	Nick Lyesuk	67	Orange, Massachusetts	4	Wed, 06:50pm	72	Michael Fairchild	60	Brattleboro, Vermont	0	Thu, 05:30pm	64	Anthony Allison	19	Grayling, Michigan	1	Thu, 07:50pm
	Cheryl Lucey	49	Grayling, Michigan	6			Wally Wenderlich	38	Yorkville, Illinois	0			Peter Heed	61	Westmoreland, New Hampshire	13			Robert Thorpe	20	Frederic, Michigan	1	
41	Spencer Dean	19	Grayling, Michigan	0	Wed, 04:15pm	07	Sean Casey	32	Mt. Pleasant, Michigan	11	Wed, 06:55pm	77	Michael Kies	40	St. Charles, Illinois	1	Thu, 05:35pm	34	Tom Tudgeon	52	Dimondale, Michigan	11	Fri, 02:00pm
	Wesley Dean	16	Grayling, Michigan	0			Spencer Deerenzy	22	Grayling, Michigan	3			David Kies	35	Channahon, Illinois	1			Carrie Montgomery	52	Mikado, Michigan	15	
47	Jeff Deleo	56	Chester, Massachusetts	11	Wed, 04:20pm	89	Ray Trudgdon	29	Seattle, Washington	11	Wed, 07:10pm	80	Chuck Armstrong	53	Dawaburg, Michigan	2	Thu, 05:40pm	27	Joe Pollock	52	Edmore, Michigan	11	Fri, 02:10pm
	Emma Ross	34	Rosindale, Massachusetts	1			Matt Streib	47	Bristol, Indiana	8			Mark Trudell	60	Fenton, Michigan	3			Dwight Walker	57	Marshall, Michigan	15	
52	Josh Sheldon	30	Grand Lodge, Michigan	6	Wed, 04:35pm	65	Sarah Webb	50	Hubbard Lake, Michigan	4	Wed, 07:15pm	79	Doug Moggo	49	Grayling, Michigan	15	Thu, 05:45pm	95	Rick Gallings	53	Prescott, Michigan	8	Fri, 02:15pm
	Steve Kolonich	39	Eaton Rapids, Michigan	18			Frank Smutek	77	Luzerne, Michigan	19			Josh Moggo	21	Grayling, Michigan	3			Karl Wainwright	42	Oscoda, Michigan	3	
56	Ron Shepard	60	Supply, North Carolina	0	Wed, 04:40pm	35	Todd Kaems	40	Tawas City, Michigan	2	Wed, 07:20pm	57	Adam Gabriel	51	Frederic, Michigan	1	Thu, 05:50pm	12	Ivan English	37	Saskatoon, Sask.	0	Fri, 02:20pm
	Dick Kloss	69	Wallaceburg, Ontario	7			John Zacharski	40	Marshall, Michigan	2			Jon Webb	51	Hubbard Lake, Michigan	16			Tad Hill	33	Livonia, Michigan	9	
75	Christina Wilson	42	Durham, New Hampshire	2	Wed, 04:45pm	86	Kris Marshall	34	Lupton, Michigan	0	Wed, 07:30pm	68	Kevin Orratowski	53	Tawas City, Michigan	3	Thu, 05:55pm	81	Tim Chapple	37	Interlochen, Michigan	6	Fri, 02:40pm
	Carina Penrose	33	Lexington, Massachusetts	2			Shane Barber	35	West Branch, Michigan	2			Steve Krantz	56	Hale, Michigan	15			Matt Gabriel	27	Grayling, Michigan	2	
69	Lee Barnett	30	Grayling, Michigan	5	Wed, 04:50pm	62	Barry Griffin	43	Tawas, Michigan	0	Wed, 07:40pm	90	Matt McDougall-Smith	34	Langsbury, Michigan	8	Thu, 06:10pm	59	Michael Davis	41	Minneapolis, Minnesota	3	Fri, 02:45pm
	Jeff Rankinen	47	Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	6			Keith Wojahn	47	Tawas City, Michigan	0			Malcolm McDougall	60	Glennie, Michigan	6			Jo Harberts	52	Minneapolis, Minnesota	4	
98	Joe Frost	20	Grayling, Michigan	3	Wed, 04:55pm	91	John Pavik	23	Prescott, Michigan	1	Wed, 07:45pm	26	Matt McDonald	21	Grayling, Michigan	2	Thu, 06:15pm	76	Mike Savoie	53	Fenton, Michigan	0	Fri, 02:50pm
	Randy Allison	38	Grayling, Michigan	4			Dylan Deboever	18	Whittemore, Michigan	1			Nick McDonald	18	Grayling, Michigan	2			Matt Savoie	28	Kalamazoo, Michigan	0	
33	Isaac VanNuck	21	Grayling, Michigan	2	Wed, 05:10pm	13	Nick Walton	38	Haslett, Michigan	6	Wed, 07:55pm	48	Kyle Culp	25	Mendon, Michigan	1	Thu, 06:20pm	67	Chris Scully	51	Lincoln, Michigan	7	Fri, 02:55pm
	Brad Gross	42	Pinconning, Michigan	6			Josh Taylor	32	Grayling, Michigan	7			Nathan Tate	25	Portage, Michigan	1			Jeff Matthews	55	Oscoda, Michigan	1	
00	Robert Bradford	68	Lapeer, Michigan	21	Wed, 05:15pm	37	Scott Carroll	46	Saline, Michigan	0	Thu, 04:00pm	85	Connor Landick	21	Marquette, Michigan	0	Thu, 06:25pm	45	Paul Freeman	42	Mission Hills, Kansas	1	Fri, 03:00pm
	Janet Bradford	66	Lapeer, Michigan	2			Sue Kerry	48	Saline, Michigan	0			Steven Landick	58	Marquette, Michigan	11			Tom Freeman	46	Mission Hills, Kansas	1	
09	Rick Joy	52	Silverwood, Michigan	34	Wed, 05:20pm	63	Alec Davis	71	Ballston Lake, New York	2	Thu, 04:05pm	54	Joey Kimmel	30	Grayling, Michigan	10	Thu, 06:30pm	83	Jim Anderson	56	Fort Wayne, Indiana	0	Fri, 03:20pm
	Al Widong, Sr.	86	Mio, Michigan	38			Roger Henry	69	Rexford, New York	2			Mike Hartman	35	Oscoda, Michigan	7			Bill Kanost	59	Valparaiso, Indiana	2	
19	Ross Teeple	20	Grayling, Michigan	0	Wed, 05:25pm	63	Matt Meersman	34	South Bend, Indiana	6	Thu, 04:10pm	72	Lyne Witte	57	Washington Twp, Michigan	16	Thu, 06:35pm	11	Eric Dittenber	33	Grayling, Michigan	3	Fri, 03:25pm
	William Fowler	20	Grayling, Michigan	1			Rebecca Barton	21	Homer, Michigan	1			Mt. Clemens, Michigan	57	East Tawas, Michigan	31			Jerry Kittingbeck	42	East Tawas, Michigan	9	
25	Chad Brandt	37	Hale, Michigan	5	Wed, 05:30pm	71	Marc Gillespie	58	Rochester, New York	2	Thu, 04:15pm	51	Jim Bauer	66	Spokane, Washington	6	Thu, 06:40pm	70	Joe Johnson	61	Menominee, Michigan	11	Fri, 03:30pm
	Edward Cadwell	19	Hale, Michigan	0			Matt Rudnitsky	24	E. Rochester, New York	3			Brad Bauer	37	Seattle, Washington	7			Madelen Johnson	20	Menominee, Michigan	3	
14	Bill Torongo	49	Roscommon, Michigan	26	Wed, 05:45pm	51	Fritz Hansen	70	Burlington, Wisconsin	8	Thu, 04:20pm	50	Rodney Halstead	26	Grayling, Michigan	9	Thu, 06:45pm	93	Nathan Zientek	26	Hudsonville, Michigan	0	Fri, 03:35pm
	Maggie Torongo	24	Grand Rapids, Michigan	14			Jaya Ellesen	51	Burlington, Wisconsin	0			Ryan Halstead	24	Grayling, Michigan	9			Peter Gole	26	Hastings, Michigan	0	
40	Fred Mills	57	Roscommon, Michigan	5	Wed, 05:50pm	36	Larry Frederick	61	Archer, Florida	3	Thu, 04:35pm	85	Cameron McClain	38	Grayling, Michigan	5	Thu, 06:50pm	84	Dave Armstrong	62	Silver Spring, Maryland	2	Fri, 03:40pm
	Tim McClure	53	Roscommon, Michigan	5			Bob Vincent	68	Dorchester, Ontario	5			Jack-a-la-tortue, Quebec	33	Grayling, Michigan	5			Karen Feby	37	Rockville, Maryland	0	
49	Garth Greenan	56	Traverse City, Michigan	5	Wed, 05:55pm	30	David Phelps	24	Lapeer, Michigan	3	Thu, 04:40pm	80	Jason Hatfield	33	Grayling, Michigan	5	Thu, 07:10pm	85	Holly Reynolds	31	Rochester, New York	2	Fri, 04:00pm
	Lauren Chapple	64	Interlochen, Michigan	0			Mike Bradford	46	Lapeer, Michigan	16			Traverse City, Michigan	30	Traverse City, Michigan	11			Gloria Wesley	51	Pittsfield, Massachusetts	5	
24	David Somero	15	Grayling, Michigan	0	Wed, 06:10pm	61	Trent Lam	20	Frederic, Michigan	1	Thu, 04:45pm	20	David Teddy	37	Dexter, Michigan	10	Thu, 07:15pm	29	Ray Quick	56	Millington, Michigan	16	Fri, 04:05pm
	Mike Schmidt	25	Grayling, Michigan	0			Chris Hewitt	21	Bay City, Michigan	5			Tim Sheldon	46	Grayling, Michigan	11			Rod Matthews	56	Oscoda, Michigan	8	
53	Rodger Meak	42	Roscommon, Michigan	2	Wed, 06:15pm	31	Neil Wiesner-Hanks	52	Mequon, Wisconsin	4	Thu, 04:50pm	55	Ted Smutek	43	Luzerne, Michigan	12	Thu, 07:20pm	97	Gary Aprea	68	Ghent, New York	5	Fri, 04:15pm
	Daniel Medina	17	Roscommon, Michigan	2			Jan Penn	57	Janesville, Wisconsin	1			Colin Hunter	30	Grayling, Michigan	13			Tom Elsworth	46	Orange, Massachusetts	1	
06	Don Brooks	42	Beaverton, Michigan	10	Wed, 06:20pm	21	Alex Donaldson	23	Quaker Hill, Connecticut	3	Thu, 04:55pm	58	Russ Reker	47	Lapeer, Michigan	7	Thu, 07:25pm	66	Steve Watson	39	Onaway, Michigan	9	Fri, 04:45pm
	Nate Winkler	39	Traverse City, Michigan	9			Tyler Cragg	24	Grayling, Michigan	0			Justin Reker	16	Lapeer, Michigan	0			Amey Solak	46	Traverse City, Michigan	11	
94	David Dahl	62	Maple Grove, Minnesota	4	Wed, 06:25pm	44	Flash Marsh	34	Mio, Michigan	7	Thu, 05:10pm	85	Michael Schimmer	24	Cortland, New York	3	Thu, 07:30pm	10	Joe Leusby	27	Higgins Lake, Michigan	4	Fri, 04:50pm
	Jeff Caryl	59	Holly, Michigan	1			Brad Wilson	29	Cedar Springs, Michigan	9			Ben Schimmer	22	Cortland, New York	3			Darin Lile	37	Macomb, Michigan	2	
18	Mike Davis	20	Grayling, Michigan	1	Wed, 06:30pm	87	Todd Bennett	47	Ray, Michigan	1	Thu, 05:15pm	69	Joe McDougall	34	Oscoda, Michigan	2	Thu, 07:35pm	03	Mo Harwood	32	Grayling, Michigan	13	Fri, 05:00pm
	Ryan Foght	20	Grayling, Michigan	1			Ryan Bennett	16	Ray, Michigan	0			Craig McDougall	58	Glennie, Michigan	7			Matthew Ashton	32	Grayling, Michigan	7	
74	Jason Thayer	38	Grayling, Michigan	0	Wed, 06:35pm	73	Bill Brundage	60	Traverse City, Michigan	2	Thu, 05:20pm	10	Andrew Trebold	35	Grayling, Michigan	10	Thu, 07:40pm						
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Downtown entertainment rolls on despite downpour



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Although some acts were called off, others continued on at Grayling's first Downtown Music Bash held on Saturday. Rainstorms, which swept through over the course of about three hours, dropped four inches of rain in Crawford County. Performers played in front of Riverland and String Time capped off the evening, performing on the stage. Above, the Just for Kicks Cloggers perform in the rain on Michigan Avenue.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities: Friday, July 29 - Lunch - BBQ chicken breast, baked potato, broccoli and pears. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Card Golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo

and Pool.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Honors

Lawrence Technological University, Grayling, graduated Sunday, May 15 at Patrick McNally of Lawrence Technological

University's 79th Commencement Exercises. Ceremonies were held at Cobo Arena at 2 p.m. Lawrence Tech's class of 2011 included some 900 graduates. About 5,000 students, their families and guests attended the event.

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Jobs saved at Shawono Center as youth treatment continues

Continued from Page 1A with Snyder. That allowed the Shawono Center to remain open.

Rep. Greg MacMaster, R-Kewadin, credited Camp Shawono staff for being forthcoming with information about the facility after the announcement that it was going to be closed. Todd Serby, a clinical school social worker, and Mark Golnick, a youth specialist supervisor, at the Shawono Center, lobbied local and state officials to keep the facility open and jobs in the community.

"We found inconsistencies as to why they wanted to close Shawono down," MacMaster said. "The lack of communications between the department heads was probably the first domino that fell."

Sen. Darwin Booher, R-Evart, whose district will include Crawford County under redistricting plans for Senate and House of Representatives seats, was at the Shawono Center last week. Booher, a term-limited state representative, said decisions in Lansing often fall to dollars and cents rather than sense when budget proposals are made.

"Usually down there, they give you a number to reduce by and they don't realize the benefits of the certain facilities and what they are doing," he said.

The viability of the programs, the success being accomplished with youth, being financial responsible and returning dollars to the state played key factors in keeping the doors at

Shawono Center open.

"Shawono definitely fits that model," MacMaster said. "We're getting a better bang for our buck and we're seeing a better group of kids that are coming out rather than being in a prison stuck behind bars for the next several years or decades."

Serby said Shawono Center held the open house last week to move beyond the budget discussions to focus on the continued treatment of troubled youth.

"We wanted them to see the facility, how we do the treatment and what they supported with the budget as well as what they're supporting on an ongoing basis," he said.

State officials, however, acknowledged that the operations at the Shawono Center could come up again given the uncertainty with the state economy.

Moolenaar said that a contingency of nearly 20 state lawmakers representing northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula work together to remind decision makers of the assets and facilities that the region has to offer.

"We believe that we're moving in the direction to make the state more fiscally solvent and hopefully the economy will move in a better direction," Moolenaar said.

John Evans, the director of Bureau of Juvenile Justice in Lansing, said facilities and state and federal mandates always put officials under the gun to

make critical decisions.

"It's a constant discussion on ways we can be the most cost effective and what we can say that this place and the other Juvenile Justice facilities stay within their budgets and we need these regional facilities," Evans said. "We're really confident that the money we agreed to in the budget will continue coming on an ongoing basis."

Evans and his staff mingled with youth at the Shawono Center and discussed their future plans once they leave the detention center. He credited Camp Shawono officials for having say in budget discussions in Lansing.

"They really stepped forward and stood up for their facility and the kids they work with," Evans said.

Golnick credited Crawford AuSable School District officials, Crawford County Board of Commissions, civic groups, citizens and businesses for supporting the facility.

"I think the whole community has been supportive of this place," Golnick said.

Currently, the Shawono Center has a workforce of 44 employees. The facility currently has 26 juvenile detainees, but has 36 beds for youth and four detention beds for counties in the region.

"I'm very excited that we got another year and hope that we will get many more years to come," said Debra Jones, the director at the Shawono Center. "I think

we provide an absolute needed service to juvenile offenders, to the counties and to the citizens of the state."

Jones credited employees, who are now walking lighter, for working through the budget discussions.

"Everybody that remained here continued to do their absolute best, but now I see them doing their absolute best and they have a smile on their face," said Jones of the morale at the facility. "I was never more proud of the staff, because they were under a lot of stress, yet they never brought it to work with them."

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Miss Marathon Amber Swanson will appear at many AuSable River Festival activities this week and at the Pre-Race Program for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon on Saturday. Swanson, the daughter of Mary and Jay Swanson, is a 2011 Grayling High School graduate. Above, Swanson is pictured wearing her Miss Marathon sash and tiara.

Local True Colors facilitator attends conference

Local True Colors facilitator, Tracy Wilson, of Grayling was one of three facilitators from Michigan to attend the True Colors Association (ITCA) annual International Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 15-17, drawing certified True Colors facilitators from all around the globe.

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Wilson also served as a conference presenter during the three day trip presenting a program called "True Colors in the Teen Scene" where the lesson focused on working with the teen popu-



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The creativity of four AuSable Primary School students is being showcased during the AuSable River Festival and AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Above, Joe Wakeley and Andy Moore, members of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon committee, are pictured with students who helped design the kids T-shirt.

Students' designs featured on annual kids marathon T-shirt

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The creativity of four AuSable Primary School students is being showcased during the AuSable River Festival and AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

Designs from Logan Collett, Jenna Haring, Madison Hall and Susan Jimenez were used for the kids T-shirt being sold for the 64th annual AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

This is the fifth year that the AuSable River Marathon Committee turned to the kids to design the T-shirt for the canoe marathon and AuSable River Festival. The T-shirt has become a fixture of the merchandise sold for the marathon.

Cheryl Millikin, the

AuSable Primary School's librarian, helps coordinate the contest with teachers and students. She also plans an assembly, held just before school gets out for the summer, where the winners are announced.

This year, Collett's design for the wording for the 64th AuSable River Canoe Marathon, which looks like a flowing, bending river, is featured at the top of the T-shirt. Hall and Jimenez's designs are featured as the background of spectators and scenery on the AuSable River. Finally, the bottom of the T-shirt, which includes the river and paddlers on the water, was designed by Haring.

Andy Moore, chairman of the merchandise committee for the AuSable

River Marathon Committee, said students submitted more designs this year.

"It was a very difficult decision this year," Moore said. "There were a lot of good drawings."

"Not only do you have to pick the good ones, but also you have to pick the ones that mesh together to make the shirt," Moore added.

Drawings designed by other students will be included on a backdrop for the Special Olympic's Canoe Races, at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

"The Special Olympians athletes will get their picture taking with the board behind them with their marathon paddlers," Moore said. "That just shows you

how many good ones we had."

The T-shirts, which are in sizes for children up through large adults, are being sold for \$15.

"Everybody loves the kids shirts," Moore said.

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AuSable Marathon slated for July 30

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13 teams at time trials posted a top-13 finish in the marathon. The best teams usually finish their sprint in 5.5 to 6 minutes.

The time trials are scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, from 4-8 p.m., Thursday, July 28, from 4-8 p.m., and Friday, July 29, from 2-5 p.m.

(The paddlers' dinner, which has traditionally followed Friday's time trials, has been discontinued.)

The AuSable Marathon starts with a foot race, with the paddling teams carrying their canoes several blocks before entering the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. Competitors line up on Peninsular Avenue near the Grayling Post Office with their canoes, five teams per row and 40 feet between each row, according to sprint times. Teams with the fastest sprint times are at the front of the line and teams with the slowest sprint times are at the back.

In front of hundreds of cheering spectators, teams enter the AuSable River a few minutes after 9 p.m. at the Old AuSable Fly Shop and begin the 14- to 19-hour trip to Oscoda. The race course is an estimated 120 miles, and not all teams will make it. In general, several teams will withdraw from the race

due to illness, fatigue, or injury, and some may be disqualified for failing to meet timing criteria. The AuSable Marathon has 15 official checkpoints.

Last year, 94 teams started the marathon and 82 reached the finish line at Oscoda. Both numbers were new records for the event.

AuSable Marathon teams get help during the race from support crews -

"feeders" - which provide food, drinks, and anything else the paddlers may need throughout the night (such as extra clothing, aspirin, etc.).

The AuSable Marathon's pre-race program is slated for 6 p.m. on July 30 at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. The event's paddler introductions are scheduled for 7 p.m. The race begins at 9 p.m.

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Hundreds of senior citizens met on the lawn in front of the State Capitol in Lansing last month as part of Older Michiganians Day. Above, a group representing the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) included Earl Corpe, Helen Budd, Barb Selesky and COA Advocacy and Resource Coordinator Karl Schreiner.

Seniors help celebrate Older Michiganians Day

Hundreds of senior citizens met on the lawn in front of the State Capitol in Lansing last month as part of Older Michiganians Day.

Five people from the Crawford County

Commission on Aging (COA) attended the day-long event, including COA Director Alice Snyder, Earl Corpe, Helen Budd, Barb Selesky and COA Advocacy and Resource Coordinator Karl Schreiner.

During the day, meetings

were held with State Representative Peter Petallia, R-Presque Isle, and State Senator John Moolenaar, R-Midland, to recognize them for maintaining funding for such programs as RSVP, Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions as well as

increasing funds for the MI Choice Medicaid Waiver program.

Petallia and Moolenaar were encouraged to carefully examine and support a series of bills that have been proposed dealing with added protections from elder abuse.

More donations sought by Christian Help Center

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center has put out a plea for more donations since the demand for services from the needy to put food on the table has peaked.

Marianne Gosnell, the executive director for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, said letters and information on the demand for services from the non-profit agency, established in 1992 to help the needy, were recently sent to area service organizations, churches and past donors.

Gosnell said with the eco-

nomie downturn, donations have fallen off compared to the drastic increase in the number of clients needing food assistance - an increase of over 350 percent since 2007 and over 60 percent over the last year alone.

"A few years ago, a busy day at the Help Center would have been seven clients in one day," Gosnell said. "Now, staff and volunteers may have seven to as many as 28 clients in one day."

In 2010, the Help Center helped 1,583 clients, which equaled a total of 4,533 family members, with food.

"Many of the new clients come in looking lost, afraid,

not knowing what to do, nor wanting to be there," Gosnell said. "Some have even stated that they used to donate to the Christian Help Center never thinking that they would ever need help."

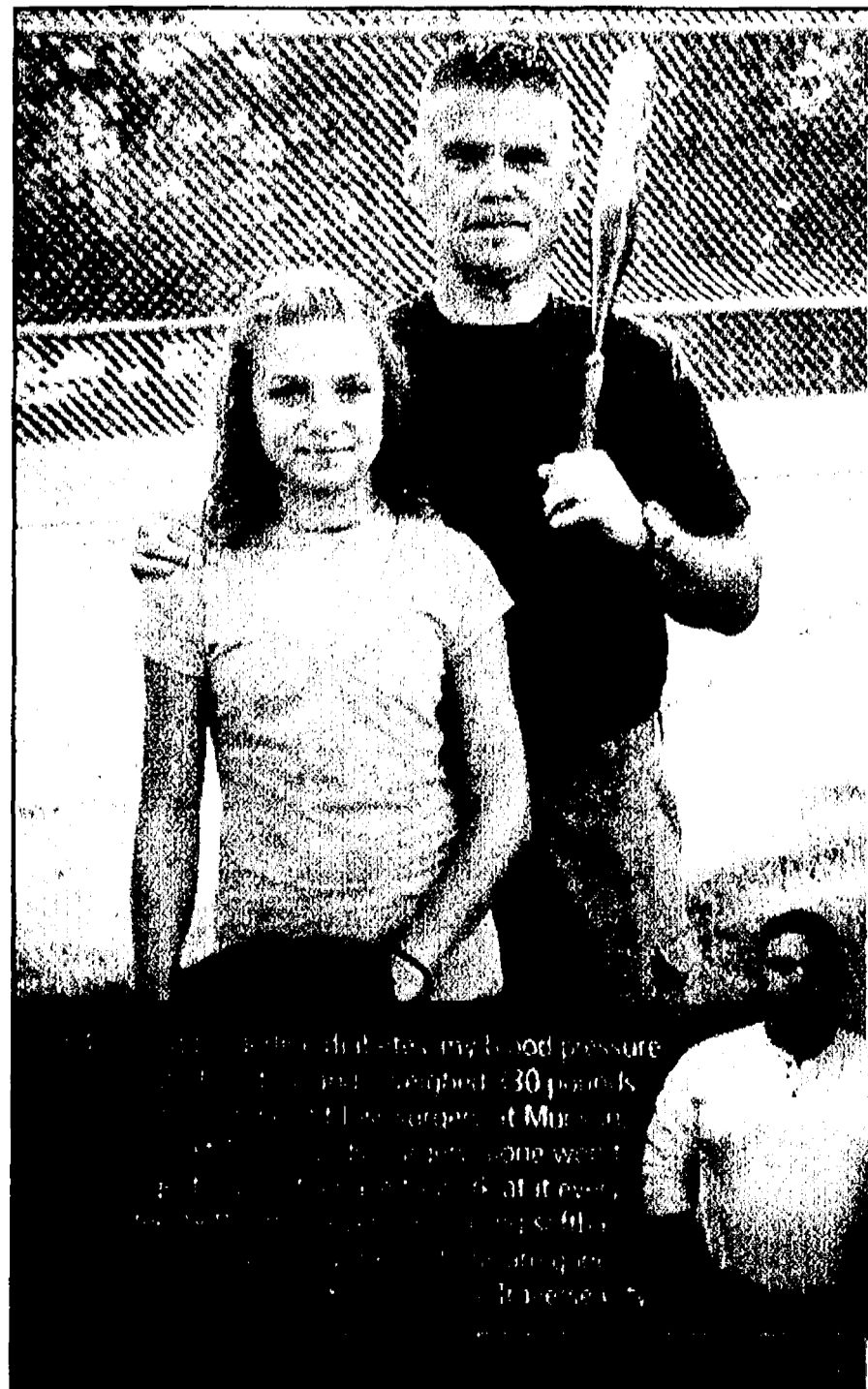
Gosnell noted that a few of the Help Center's volunteers have been clients in the past. Some clients, who are now doing better, have come in and made a donation to recognize the Help Center for the assistance they received.

Gosnell attributed the current demand to job loss, work hours being cut, lay offs and people losing their homes through foreclosure.

"People are hurting," Gosnell said. "Everything is hitting them at the same time and prices are going up."

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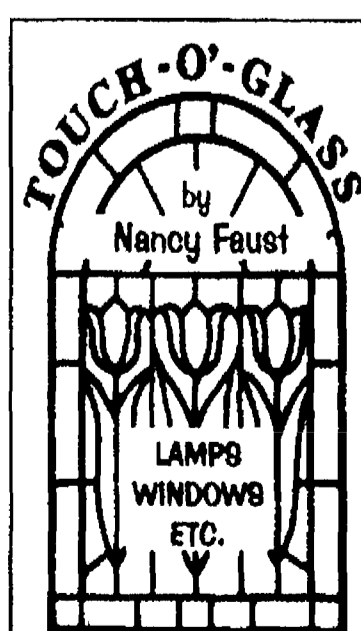
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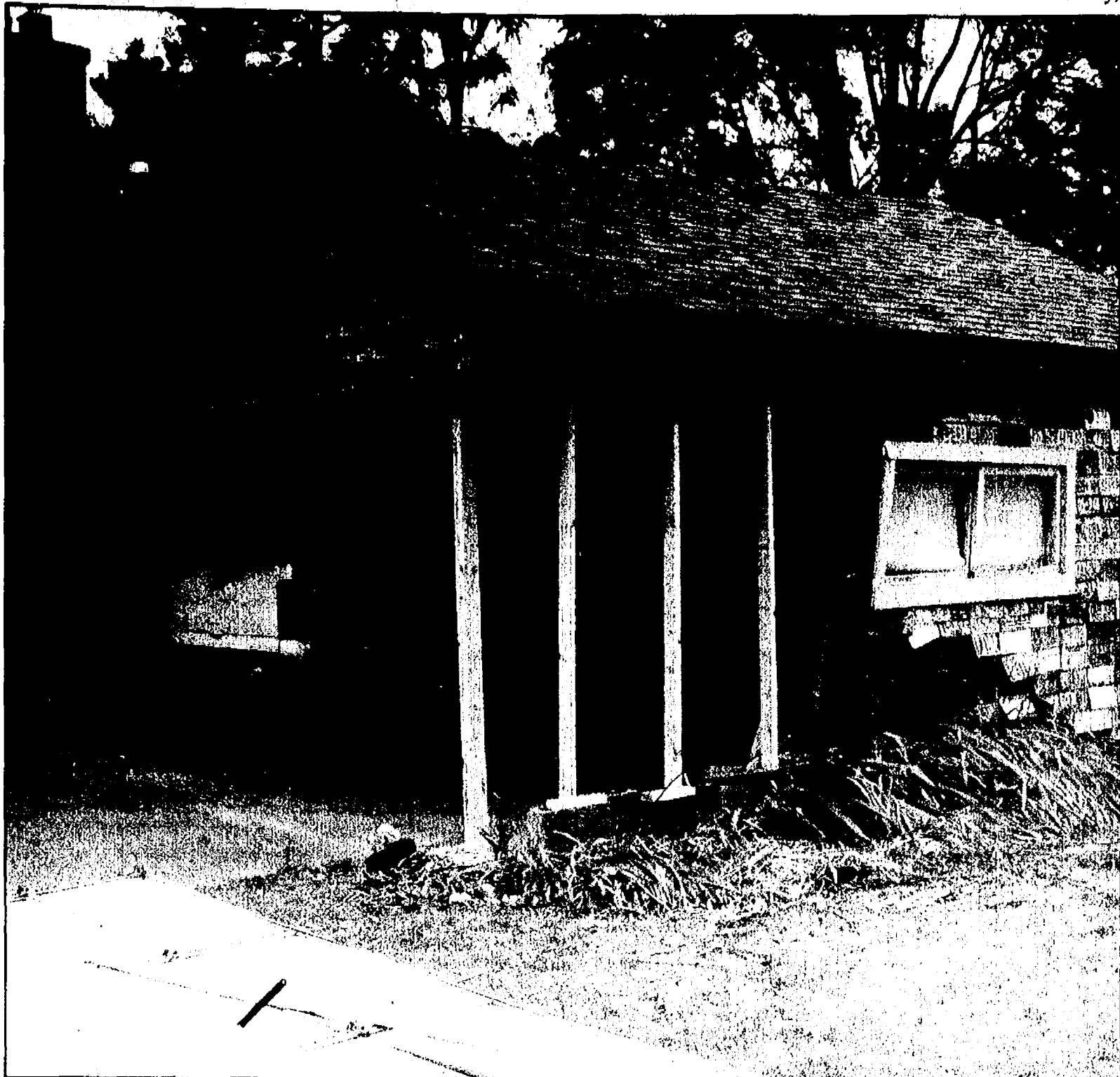
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Art Thayer's garage, located at 408 Plum St., was struck by a drunk driver, who claimed he swerved to miss hitting a cat and lost control of his vehicle. Above, Thayer's garage is pictured with the many license plates he has placed on the structure, minus the portion that was wrecked.

Unique Grayling garage wrecked by drunk driver

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A group of Camp Grayling soldiers came to the aide of a local veteran after his garage, which has drawn visitors to the community, was struck by a drunk driver.

Grayling City Police Officer Art Clough was dispatched to an operating while under the influence of alcohol complaint at 1:58 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20. Upon arrival, Clough discovered that a 20-year old man had crashed into a garage located at 408 Plum St., where Art Thayer lives.

A 20-year male, who lives in Grayling Charter Township, was the lone occupant in the vehicle. Grayling Police Chief/City Manager Doug Baum said the driver claimed he swerved to miss hitting a cat. The young man was traveling westbound on Ottawa Street, when he lost control turning onto Plum Street. He lost control of his vehicle, which traveled onto Thayer's lawn and then struck his garage, Baum said. The driver was arrested for operating while under the influence of alcohol and operating without insur-

ance. His name is not being released since he has not been arraigned in Crawford County District Court.

A foursome of Camp Grayling soldiers helped clean up the mess following the crash on Friday and secured the structure so it did not fall on Thayer's SUV.

Sgt. Ted Dykstra lives across the road from Thayer.

"We knew that he was a retired veteran and a World War II veteran, so we thought we would pitch in and help him out," Dykstra said.

Dykstra was joined by Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Rozema, Spc. Jeremy Cantrell and Sgt. 1st Class Don Handy.

"Art always keeps his place so nice and neat and we had some extra time to help out," Dykstra said.

Thayer served with the Navy during World II, and then served another 30 years of combined active and reserve duty service. He is a retired Grayling High School teacher and former chaplain for the American Legion Post #106.

Although Thayer's garage may not be considered a

Grayling landmark, it does draw people to the community. Years ago, Thayer covered his garage with expired license plates. Most are plates from the State of Michigan, but as people learned of the garage, they gave him plates from other states to display on the structure.

Thayer's nephew, Hank Saylor, will rebuild the portion of the garage that was wrecked.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

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AuSable River Festival 2011 Schedule of Events July 27th - July 31st

Wednesday, July 27th
•HUP ("Hurry Up & Paddle") Race - judging at 5:30 pm Grayling City Park

Thursday, July 28th
•Marathon Coffee Break 9am to 11am on the lawn at Citizens' Bank
•Business Relay Races 4:30pm - 7pm from Penrod's to Old AuSable Fly Shop
•AuSable River C-1 Express Race 7:15pm Penrod's to Burton's Landing

Friday, July 29th
•Borcher's Annual Kids Race
•"Casey Challenge" 10am at Borcher's Canoe Livery
•Grayling Eagles Pre-Marathon Steak & BBQ dinner w/entertainment 5pm - 8pm.
Beer Tent 11am - 2am - Eagles Club
•Arts & Crafts Show - Grayling City Park 10am - 8pm
•Annual "Quilt Sitters" Quilt Show 10am - 5pm - Icehouse Quilt Shop

•1st Annual CRUISE NIGHT starts at Northstar Auto Wash at 7pm ends at Wimpy's Ice Cream & Cones

Saturday, July 30th
•G.R.A.'s Annual 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run in town - Middle School registration at 7:30am - 8:30am Race 9am
•Classic Car Show on Michigan Ave. at 8am - 3pm (register 7am - 11am/awards at 2 pm)
•Wellington Antique Tractor Club 8am - 2pm Spruce St.
•Michelson Memorial UMC Youth Pancake Breakfast 8am - 10am
•Arts & Crafts Show - Grayling City Park at 9am - 6pm
•Food Court on Michigan Avenue 9am - 6pm
•Annual "Quilt Sitters" Quilt Show 10 am - 5 pm - Icehouse Quilt Shop

•Grayling Eagles Horse Shoe Tournament 10am - Grayling Eagles Club
•Eagles' Annual Roast (hot dogs & hamburgers) w/entertainment & \$1,000 Raffle Drawing at 6pm.
Beer Tent 11am - 2am - Eagles Club.
•Grayling Rotary's Annual Chicken BBQ - American Legion 12pm - 6pm
•Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church's Ice Cream Social at 12pm - 4pm
•American Legion Beer Tent 1pm - 10pm - Food and drink specials w/music - American Legion parking lot
•AuSable River Festival Parade 3pm Michigan Ave.

Sunday, July 31st
•Black Bear Bicycle Tour starts 8am on Michigan Ave in Grayling and ending in Oscoda (100 mile ride)

64TH AuSable River Canoe Marathon Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 27th 4 pm - 8 pm - Time Trials Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery
Thursday, July 28th 4 pm - 8 pm - Time Trials Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery
Friday, July 29th 2 pm - 6 pm - Time Trials Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery
4:30 pm - Special Olympics Canoeing at Penrod's AuSable Canoe Livery

Saturday, July 30th Noon - Paddler's Pre-Race Briefing Grayling Middle School - Spruce Street
4:30 pm - Paddler's Mass - Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church
All remaining events held at The Old AuSable Fly Shop:
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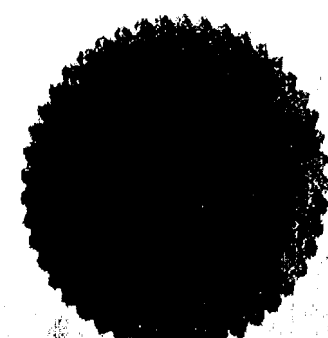
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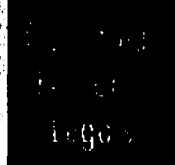


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Mo Harwood and Matt Ashton paddle past Stephan Bridge during Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 race. Harwood and Ashton finished sixth.



Nick Walton and Josh Taylor, a team that took fourth place on Sunday, pass the finish line at McMasters Bridge.

Defending champs win Spike's Challenge for 4th consecutive year

82 teams race from Grayling to McMasters on Sunday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Make it four in a row. Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie – a team that's won the AuSable River Canoe Marathon a total of four times – won the Spike's Challenge C-2 race for the fourth consecutive time on Sunday.

It rained Saturday night, raising water levels for the event, but the weather was fine for Sunday's race.

"We actually had pretty good water for the Spike's race. (The rain) did bring it up a bit," said John Lucey, race coordinator for the Spike's Challenge. "I think teams were a little faster than they would have been without it."

Triebold and Lajoie took first place out of 70 teams in the Expert Division, reaching the finish line at McMasters Bridge in 2:38:26. Lee Barnett and Matt Rimer took second, finishing approximately six minutes after the winners (2:44:22). Josh Sheldon and Steve Kolonich were third (2:44:56) and Nick Walton and Josh Taylor placed fourth (2:47:57). Jason Hatfield and Pete Mead took fifth (2:50:58).

The next 10 canoes were all very close, finishing within a span of three minutes.

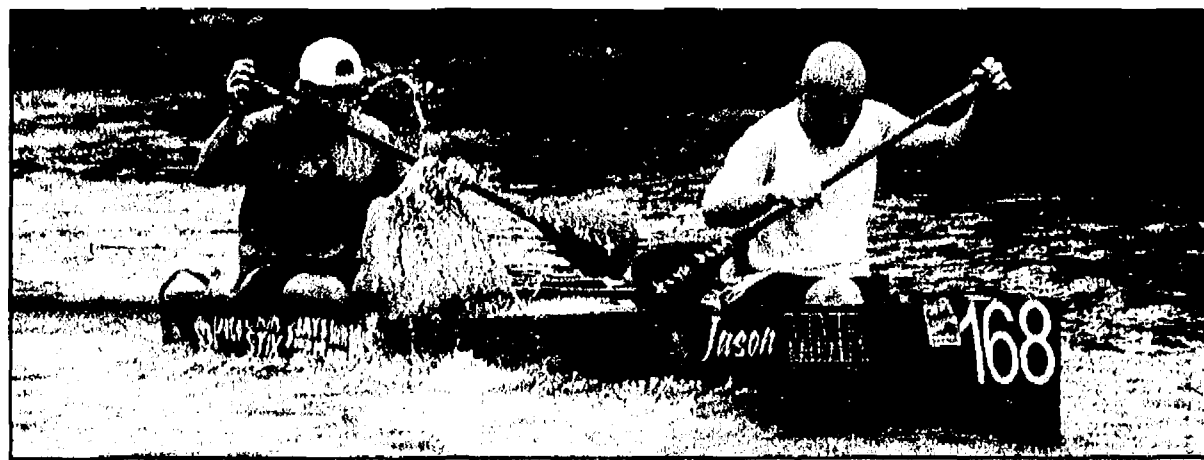
Mo Harwood and Matt Ashton took sixth with a time of 2:51:18. Marc Gillespie and Matt Rudnitsky finished 20 seconds after Harwood and Ashton, placing seventh. Isaac VanNuck and Brad Gross took eighth (2:51:58), finishing 20 seconds after Gillespie and Rudnitsky. Cameron McClain and Patrick Armstrong finished ninth (2:52:11) and Ted Smutek and Colin Hunter were 10th (2:52:58).

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Photos by Caleb Casey

Spike's Challenge competitors pile into the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during the start of the C-2 race on Sunday morning.



Jason Hatfield and Pete Mead, fifth place finishers on Sunday, approach Stephan Bridge.



Josh Sheldon and Steve Kolonich, this year's third place team, carry their canoe toward the river during the start of Sunday's C-2 race.



Second place finishers Lee Barnett and Matt Rimer reach Wakeley Bridge on Sunday morning.

2011 Spike's Challenge C-2 Results

C-2 Expert Class

Place	Team	Time
01	Andy Triebold & Steve Lajoie	2:38:26
02	Matt Rimer & Lee Barnett	2:44:22
03	Steve Kolonich & Josh Sheldon	2:44:56
04	Nick Walton & Josh Taylor	2:47:57
05	Pete Mead & Jason Hatfield	2:50:58
06	Matt Ashton & Mo Harwood	2:51:18
07	Marc Gillespie & Matt Rudnitsky	2:51:38
08	Brad Gross & Isaac VanNuck	2:51:58
09	Cameron McClain & Patrick Armstrong	2:52:11
10	Colin Hunter & Ted Smutek	2:52:58
11	Michael Schlimmer & Ben Schlimmer	2:53:07
12	Sean Casey & Spencer Derezny	2:53:09
13	Mike Davis & Ryan Foguth	2:53:48
14	Tim Chapple & Matt Gabriel Jr.	2:53:55
15	Tad Hill & Ken Kolonich	2:53:58
16	David Phelps & Mike Bradford	2:54:28
17	Matt Meersman & Rebecca Barton	2:58:49
18	Flash Marsh & Brad Wilson	2:59:25
19	Bruce Barton & Connie Cannon	3:00:25
20	Russ Reker & Justin Reker	3:02:36
21	Tim McClure & Fred Mills	3:03:14
22	Tony Short & Tom Ellsworth	3:03:28
23	Rick Joy & Al Widing	3:04:33
24	Barb Bradley & Al Limberg	3:06:11
25	Adam Gabriel & Jon Webb	3:06:43
26	Connor Landick & Steven Landick	3:07:27
27	Doug Gillin & Bill Brundage	3:08:02

28	Trent Larm & Chris Hewitt	3:09:42
29	Jerry A. Killingbeck & Kyle Stonehouse	3:10:55
30	Mark Ferguson & Eric Ferguson	3:11:02
31	Jim Anderson & Bill Kostra	3:11:30
32	Matt McDonald & Nick McDonald	3:11:56
33	Bill Torongo & Maggie Torongo	3:12:53
34	Ray Quick & Rod Matthews	3:13:07
35	Doug Moggo & Josh Moggo	3:13:39
36	Neil Wiesner-Hanks & Jan Perrin	3:14:51
37	Nate Winkler & Don Brooks	3:14:52
38	Mike Garon & Lynne Witte	3:15:46
39	Ryan Bennett & Todd Bennett	3:17:09
40	Jeff Caryl & Dave Dahl	3:17:26
41	Mike Savoie & Matt Savoie	3:18:27
42	Mary Schlimmer & Theresa Schlimmer	3:18:57
43	Tyler Cragg & Alex Donaldson	3:19:26
44	Fritz Hansen & Jaya Elleson	3:19:35
45	Madelen Johnson & Joe Johnson	3:20:01
46	Jason Kent & Joseph Seifert	3:20:09
47	Jay Wichert & Ryan Harris	3:20:33
48	Larry Frederick & Bob Vincent	3:20:57
49	Jon Thompson & Ellen Thompson	3:21:00
50	Karen Febey & Dave Armstrong	3:21:01
51	Todd Kaems & John Zacharski	3:21:17
52	Chuck Armstrong & Mark Trudell	3:21:36
53	John Lucey & Cheryl Lucey	3:22:25
54	Alex Davis & Roger Henry	3:22:43
55	Brandon Gerardy & Stephen Leppard	3:23:09
56	Tom Cannon & Ed Adams	3:23:18

57	Ross Teeple & Austin Weller	3:24:20
58	Walt Harrison & Travis Harrison	3:24:26
59	Kris Marshall & Shane Barber	3:25:41
60	Joe Pollock & Dwight Walker	3:26:30
61	Jason Thayer & Justin Andre	3:26:35
62	Emma Ross & Jeff Defeo	3:27:18
63	Robert Bradford & Janet Bradford	3:28:43
64	Laverne Young & Gwyn Hayman	3:29:35
65	Rick Gillings & Kari Wainwright	3:32:06
66	Brenda Carlson & Ken Jackson	3:33:24
67	Scott Carroll & Sue Kerry	3:34:22
68	Garth Greenan & Lauren Chapple	3:41:48
69	Matt McDougall-Smith & Malcolm McDougall	3:43:41
70	Tom Freeman & Paul Freeman	3:58:22

C-2 Expert II Class

Place	Team	Time
01	Anthony Allison & Robert Thorpe	3:09:48
02	Joel Mack & Zach Mack	3:20:26
03	Spencer Dean & Wesley Dean	3:28:51
04	Craig Stolen & Tony Medina	3:30:48
05	Don Stevens & Daniel Medina	3:31:51
06	Kristen Krantz & Brian Krantz	3:38:30
07	David Somero & Mike Schmidt	3:43:17
08	Randy Oleynik & David Domingue	3:43:54
09	Barry Griffin & Keith Wojahn	3:46:09
10	Kurt Fritcher & Kevin Murphy	3:47:57
11	Chris Krey & Mason Krey	3:49:48
12	Gene Taber & Frank Taber	DNF

54 race from Borchers to Burton's during C-1 event

It was a close race, with winner Ryan Halstead edging second place finisher Steve Lajoie by three seconds during Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 event, a race from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing.



Rebecca Barton finishes the 2011 Spike's Challenge C-1 race on Saturday night.

Halstead finished in 0:43:13 and Lajoie posted a time of 0:43:16. Nick Walton took third (0:43:42) and John Kasik placed fourth (0:43:47), only 34 seconds behind the winner. Marc Gillespie took fifth (0:44:43).

"A large number – 54 canoes. It was a lot," said John Lucey, one of Spike's Challenge race coordinators. "It was a good race." **FULL STORY Page 4B**



Tim Burr paddles during the start of Saturday's C-1 race. Fifty-four people competed in the event.

13 of the top 14 sprinters finish in C-2 race's top 14

This year's Spike's Challenge C-2 champions, Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie, also won the race within a race on Saturday, posting the best sprint time of the event at 4:22.7.

The Spike's Challenge sprints – held on Saturday, July 23, at the city park – determined starting positions for Sunday's C-2 race. Similar to the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, Spike's Challenge teams start by running with their canoes to the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop.



Isaac VanNuck and Brad Gross, a team that took eighth in the Spike's Challenge C-2 race on Sunday, paddle downstream during their sprint on Saturday.

Fourteen teams posted sprint times under the five-minute mark on Saturday. Of those 14, 13 of them also placed in the top 14 during the Spike's Challenge C-2 race on Sunday, July 24. **FULL STORY Page 3B**



Mike Davis and Ryan Foguth compete in Saturday's sprints for position event.

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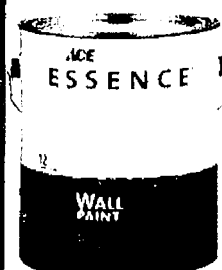
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Spike's Challenge competitors swim in the AuSable River and chat after completing Sunday's race from Grayling to McMasters Bridge.

Defending champs win Spike's Challenge for 4th consecutive year

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Ben Schlimmer and Michael Schlimmer took 11th (2:53:07), edging 12th place finishers Sean Casey and Spencer Derenzy by two seconds (2:53:09). Mike Davis and Ryan Foguth placed 13th (2:53:48). Tim Chapple and Matt Gabriel Jr. were 14th (2:53:55), finishing three seconds ahead of Ken Kolonich and Tad Hill (2:53:58), who took 15th.

Matt Meersman and Rebecca Barton were the top mixed team, finishing 17th overall with a time of 2:58:49. Bruce Barton and Connie Cannon, the second mixed team to finish, placed 19th overall (3:00:25).

Anthony Allison and Robert Thorpe won the Expert II Division with a time of 3:09:48. Joel Mack and Zach Mack took second at 3:20:26. Spencer Dean and Wesley Dean finished third in the Expert II Division at 3:28:51. There were 12 teams in the Expert II Division this year.

The 2011 event's 82 total teams set a new Spike's Challenge participation record, edging last year's mark of 81 by one.

"We started 82, one more



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie talk after passing the finish line at McMasters Bridge on Sunday.

entry than last year," Lucey said. "A lot of canoes."

Triebold has now won the Spike's Challenge for nine consecutive years. He won with Lajoie in 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2004, and 2003. He won it with Rimer in 2005, 2006, and 2007.

The Spike's Challenge C-2 race – an event that many AuSable River Canoe Marathon teams use as a warm-up – gives paddlers, support crews, and spectators a daytime look at the marathon's first four checkpoints (Burton's Landing, Stephan Bridge, Wakeley Bridge, and McMasters Bridge) one week before the all-night 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda. The race also has a start that's similar to the AuSable Marathon, with teams lining up according to sprint times on Peninsular Avenue and running to the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop before paddling to the finish line.

Although both sprints for position events accomplish

the same thing – determining starting spots for the run to the river at race time – the Spike's Challenge sprints and the AuSable Marathon have several physical differences. The Spike's Challenge sprints, a one-day event, were held on Saturday at the city park. Teams paddled upstream first and finished the looped course coming downstream. The course includes going under a railroad bridge twice. The AuSable Marathon's time trials – now a three-day event – are held at Penrod's, but the looped course starts with the downstream portion and finishes going upstream.

It takes the top teams approximately 4.5 to 5 minutes to finish a Spike's Challenge sprint. The best teams finish an AuSable Marathon sprint in approximately 5.5 to 6 minutes.

Sprints can often show which teams will finish in the top spots during the race. In 2011, 14 teams posted Spike's Challenge

sprint times under the five-minute mark; thirteen of those also placed in the top 14 during Sunday's race.

Triebold and Lajoie had the best sprint time this year at 4:22.7. Barnett and Rimer were second (4:32.0) and Taylor and Walton were third (4:36.6).

Many teams from the Spike's Challenge will be racing in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon – a 120-mile non-stop race from Grayling to Oscoda – this weekend. The AuSable Marathon will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. The teams that finish will reach Oscoda in 14 to 19 hours.

Generally several teams will withdraw from the marathon due to fatigue, injury, or illness, and some teams may be disqualified for failing to meet timing criteria at one of the 15 checkpoints. In the last eight years, approximately four out of every five teams that started the race reached the finish line.



Cameron McClain and Patrick Armstrong float downstream after passing McMasters Bridge on Sunday.

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Spencer Dean and Wesley Dean, left, and Laverne Young and Gwyn Hayman, right, paddle during Saturday's Spike's Challenge sprints for position.



Jason Kent and Joseph Seifert, left, and Michael Garon and Lynne Witte, right, approach the railroad bridge during the second halves of their sprints on Saturday.

13 of the top 14 sprinters finish in C-2 race's top 14

Spike's Challenge winners also post best sprint time in 2011

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

This year's Spike's Challenge C-2 champions, Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie, also won the race within a race on Saturday, posting the best sprint time of the event at 4:22.7.

The Spike's Challenge sprints — held on Saturday, July 23, at the city park — determined starting positions for Sunday's C-2 race. Similar to the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, Spike's Challenge teams start by running with their canoes to the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop.

Fourteen teams posted sprint times under the five-minute mark on Saturday. Of those 14, 13 of them also placed in the top 14 during the Spike's Challenge C-2 race on Sunday, July 24. The one exception of the 14 placed 16th. Sprints often provide a reliable forecast of which teams will finish in the top spots.

Lee Barnett and Matt Rimer had the second best sprint time this year at 4:32.0. They also placed second on Sunday to Triebold and Lajoie.

Nick Walton and Josh Taylor had the third best sprint time (4:36.6) and they took fourth in the C-2 race.

Josh Sheldon and Steve Kolonich placed fourth at sprints (4:36.8) and third on Sunday.

Jason Hatfield and Pete Mead took fifth at sprints (4:41.4); they also placed fifth in the C-2 race.

The other top 14 sprint teams were (sprint placement, team, time, Spike's Challenge C-2 placement): 6. Isaac VanNuck and Brad Gross, 4:44.2, 8th; 7. Marc Gillespie and Matt Rudnitsky, 4:48.7, 7th; 8. Mo Harwood and Matt Ashton, 4:51.5, 6th; 9. Tim Chapple and Matt Gabriel Jr., 4:51.9, 14th; 10. Sean Casey and Spencer Derenzy, 4:53.3, 12th; 11. Ted Smutek and Colin Hunter, 4:53.9, 10th; 12. Michael Schlimmer and Ben Schlimmer, 4:56.8, 11th; 13. Mike Davis and Ryan Foguth, 4:57.0, 13th; 14. David Phelps and Mike

Bradford, 4:58.6, 16th.

All Spike's Challenge sprint times are available on the Internet at www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org/content/spikes-challenge-race-results.

Teams paddled a looped course during Saturday's Spike's Challenge sprints. Competitors paddled upstream first, leaving from the city park near the pedestrian bridge. They had to navigate under a railroad bridge, turn around at a buoy near the courthouse, paddle back downstream, go under the bridge again, and finish at the city park.

This year's course featured several debris hazards in the water; a few canoes

were damaged during the sprints and at least a couple of boats tipped after hitting obstacles in the river.

The weather also provided a few added challenges; it was sunny and hot during the first part of the day before conditions switched to cool and rainy later.

John Lucey, Spike's Challenge race coordinator, said the high temperatures probably weren't a factor but the rain had an effect on some of the competitors.

"It was such a short time trial I don't know if the heat mattered much," he said.

Lucey said the rain towards the end of the sprints slowed a couple of teams down with water col-

lecting in the boats, and low water levels on the pond freed up some debris.

"Stuff was starting to pop up," Lucey said. "Other than that it was a pretty smooth day."



Jason Thayer and Justin Andre paddle toward the railroad bridge on Saturday.

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Paddlers from the men's division leave Borchers during one heat of the Spike's Challenge C-1 race's start on Saturday night.

54 race from Borchers to Burton's during C-1 event

Top four paddlers finish within 34 seconds of each other

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

It was a close race, with winner Ryan Halstead edging second place finisher Steve Lajoie by three seconds during Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 event, a race from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing.

Halstead finished in 0:43:13 and Lajoie posted a time of 0:43:16. Nick Walton took third (0:43:42) and John Kasik placed fourth (0:43:47), only 34 seconds behind the winner. Marc Gillespie took fifth (0:44:43).

"A large number — 54 canoes. It was a lot," said John Lucey, one of Spike's Challenge race coordinators. "It was a good race."

The women's division featured seven of the event's 54 total competitors. Connie Cannon won the division with a time of 0:47:03. Holly Reynolds finished about one minute later and took second (0:48:08). Rebecca Barton finished third (0:50:19). Cannon's time was the 18th fastest of the event overall. Reynolds posted the 20th best time of the C-1 race.

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Connie Cannon paddles during the beginning of the Spike's Challenge C-1 race on Saturday, July 23.



John Kasik, fourth place finisher in the men's division, reaches Burton's Landing during Saturday's C-1 race.



Holly Reynolds finishes Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 event. Reynolds took second place in the women's division (20th overall).



Ken Kolonich paddles during the start of the C-1 race on Saturday night.

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Ryan Halstead, winner of Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 race, reaches the finish line at Burton's Landing.

54 race from Borchers to Burton's during C-1 event

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Complete 2011 Spike's Challenge C-1 race results, courtesy of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's official website (place, name, time):

Men's Division

1. Ryan Halstead 0:43:13;
2. Steve Lajoie 0:43:16; 3. Nick Walton 0:43:42; 4. John Kasik 0:43:47; 5. Marc Gillespie 0:44:43; 6. Tim Sheldon 0:44:49; 7. Bill Torongo 0:44:53; 8. Matt Rudnitsky 0:45:30; 9. Bruce Barton 0:45:31; 10. Mike Davis 0:45:41; 11. Ken Kolonich 0:45:44; 12. Tom Trudgeon 0:45:45; 13. David Teddy 0:45:48; 14. Matt Gabriel Jr. 0:46:27; 15. Josh Taylor 0:46:30; 16. Rodney Halstead 0:46:37; 17. Jon Webb 0:46:40; 18. Ryan Foguth 0:48:00; 19. Michael Schlimmer 0:48:50; 20. John Hollands 0:49:04; 21. Larry Frederick 0:49:05; 22. David Armstrong 0:49:44; 23. Trent Larm 0:50:08; 24. Bob Bradford 0:50:10; 25. Laverne Young 0:50:30; 26. Ralph Schofield 0:51:29; 27. David Senuett 0:51:39; 28. Adam Gabriel 0:51:47; 29. Chad Cannon 0:52:21; 30. Kyle Stonehouse 0:52:51; 31. Weston Willoughby 0:52:58; 32. Ross Teeple 0:53:44; 33. Todd Bennett 0:54:03; 34. Ryan Bennett 0:54:27; 35. Wes Dean 0:55:19; 36.



Bill Torongo paddles past the C-1 race's finish line at Burton's Landing on Saturday night.



Carson Burmeister paddles during the beginning of Saturday's C-1 competition.

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| Mike Schmidt 0:57:03; 37. Dale Newton 0:57:16; 38. Kevin Murphy 0:58:32; 39. Dallas Johnson 0:58:38; 40. David Somero 0:58:50; 41. Kurt Fritcher 0:59:18; 42. Owen Cannon 0:59:28; 43. Craig Gabriel 1:00:03; 44. Rick Ensley 1:02:20; 45. | Carson Burmeister 1:05:16; 46. Sebashton Carpenter 1:09:50; 47. Tim Burr 1:13:32. | 0:51:20; 5. Emma Ross 0:54:01; 6. Kari Wainwright 0:54:08; 7. Cheryl Lucey 1:10:34. |
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Women's Division

1. Connie Cannon 0:47:03; 2. Holly Reynolds 0:48:08; 3. Rebecca Barton 0:50:19; 4. Roxanne Barton



Dallas Johnson paddles during the beginning of the C-1 race.

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may have certain rights. Dated: July 21, 2011
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Attorneys for Servicer

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File No. 650.1782

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Property situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, State of Michigan, to-wit:

THE NORTH 100 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, LYING EAST OF THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AU-SABLE RIVER.

Pursuant to Section 27A3240 (3), Michigan Statutes Annotated the redemption period is six months from the date of the above referenced sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MSA 27A3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, unless redeemed according to the law, in such case made and provided.

CHRIST A. ANAGNOST (P10161) Attorney for Wildfire Credit Union

PREPARED BY: ANAGNOST & HALL, P.C. BY: CHRIST A. ANAGNOST (P10161) Attorney at Law 4015 State Street Saginaw, Michigan 48603 (989) 793-1470 -7-14-21-28-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Burbo and Theresa Burbo, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Lender Ltd. dba Heritage Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated September 7, 2001, and recorded on September 27, 2001 in Liber 554 on Page 165, and assigned by mesne assignments to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five and 10/100 Dollars (\$84,975.10), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in

such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 17, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line thereof South 1 degree 16 minutes 00 seconds West 864.22 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11; thence South 1 degree 16 minutes 00 seconds West along said East line 216.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Section 11, 716.55 feet to the left bank of the AuSable River; thence North 34 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East along said left bank 14.92 feet; thence North 16 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds East along said left bank 189.05 feet; thence North 6 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds East along said left bank 32.25 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with said North line of Section 11, 655.77 feet to the point of beginning. Together with riparian rights to the center of the AuSable River and the right to use for road and travel purposes the Easterly 33 feet thereof of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 14, 2011 For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C., Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #277561F04 -14-21-28-4

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Lucksted and Elaine Lucksted, husband and wife, joint tenancy, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2005, and recorded on April 15, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 989, and assigned by mesne assignments to Everbank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Four and 41/100 Dollars (\$64,734.41), including interest at 2.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 24, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 12, Roffee's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 21, 2011 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C., Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #113131F02 -21-28-4-11

CITY OF GRAYLING PUBLIC NOTICE

Any person desiring to become a non-partisan candidate for the Grayling City Council in the November 8, 2011 City Election must file a petition with the City Clerk, 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan no later than 4:00 PM, Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

The petition must be signed by no less than 20 nor more than 40 registered electors of the City of Grayling.

The offices to be filled by election are: Three City Council Members with a four-year term, expiring November 2015.

Blank petitions are available at the City Office.

Michele A. Miller
City Clerk

Special Election Notice For Crawford County Residents

Notice of the Special Election To The Electors Of Crawford County, Michigan To Be Held Tuesday, August 2, 2011 For The Purpose Of Voting On The Following Three (3) County Millage Proposals:

Commission on Aging Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year under the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Crawford, Michigan by 0.4685 mills (which is equal to \$0.4685 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of 5 (five) years, 2011 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of paying operational costs of the Crawford County Commission on Aging? The amount of revenue the County will collect if that millage is approved and levied by the County in the first year is estimated to be \$ 268,779. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage, the revenue from which would be disbursed to the County of Crawford.

Commission on Aging Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year under the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Crawford, Michigan by 0.25 mills (which is equal to \$0.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of 5 (five) years, 2011 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of paying operational costs of the Crawford County Commission on Aging? The amount of revenue the County will collect if that millage is approved and levied by the County in the first year is estimated to be \$143,425. The proposed millage is the authorization of a new additional millage, the revenue from which would be disbursed to the County of Crawford.

Public Transportation System Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year under the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Crawford, Michigan by 0.7027 mills (which is equal to \$0.7027 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of 5 (five) years, 2011 through 2015, inclusive, for the purpose of paying costs of operating the Crawford County Public Transportation System (known as Dial-A-Ride)? The amount of revenue the County will collect if that millage is approved and levied by the County in the first year is estimated to be \$403,139. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage, the revenue from which would be disbursed to the County of Crawford.

The Polls Of Said Election Will Be Open At 7:00 A.M. And Will Remain Open Until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Precincts:

101 Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Roscommon
201 Frederic Twp. 7565 Co Rd 612 (Community Center), Frederic
302, 304, 305, 306 & 307 Grayling Charter Twp., 2090 Viking Way, Grayling
401 Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Frederic
501 Maple Forest Twp. Office, 2520 W. Marker Rd., Grayling
601 South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon
701 Grayling City Office, 1020 City Blvd, Grayling

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY TO INCORPORATE AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND RIGHT TO REFERENDUM

Official certification has been received from the Michigan Secretary of State that the township of South Branch has a population of 2,000 or more, making it eligible to incorporate as a charter township. The township board may choose to exercise options concerning incorporation as a charter township under the provisions of the Charter Township Act, Public Act 359 of 1947, as amended (MCL 42.3a):

1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township.

2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township by resolution. At least 60 days after the adoption of the resolution of intent, the township board may adopt the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.

3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place before the electorate at the next regular or special township election the question of incorporation as a charter township.

The township board may also choose to take no action.

If Option 2 is adopted by the township board, the citizens of the township have the right to file a "Right to Referendum Petition." This petition must be filed before the final adoption of the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.

The petition must follow, in general form, the nominating petition form as prescribed in the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.488), and the heading must indicate "Disagreement of Intent to Incorporate as a Charter Township." The petition must be signed by not less than 10% of the number of electors of the township voting for township supervisor at the last election in which a supervisor was elected.

If the petition is successful, the question of incorporation will be placed on the ballot at the next general or special township election.

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Crawford County Avalanche
102 Michigan Ave • Grayling • (989) 348-6811

Legal Action

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR IF YOU ARE IN BANKRUPTCY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald W. Rugenstein, surviving joint tenant, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 14, 2005 and recorded November 18, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 554, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Six and 53/100 Dollars (\$75,636.53) including interest at 4.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 31, 2011.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel Number 2 part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 34, thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East (along the section line L), 570 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 0 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East, 285 feet, thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes East, 548.80 feet, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West 198.44 feet, thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes East, 54.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West, 86.56 feet, thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes West, 602.50 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: July 28, 2011
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 426.0283

-28-4-11-18

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Bursite W. Cross and Audra Cross,

the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 6875 Frederic St, Frederic, MI 49733-9696.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1304.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from July 22, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after July 22, 2011.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Date: July 28, 2011
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 304719F02

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NOTICE

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME.

To: Jason G. Brigham and Mara L. Brigham
127 Barbara Street
Grayling, MI 49738
County Crawford
State law requires that you receive

the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331.

You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568.

If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement.

You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: July 28, 2011
Orlans Associates P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File Number: 617.7489

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence Rybo and Beverly Rybo, husband and wife, original mortgagors(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 8, 2002, and recorded on March 28, 2002 in Liber 574 on Page 511, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Seven and 06/100 Dollars (\$104,007.06), including interest at 3 1/4 per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 31, 2011.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 100 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence West 435.6 feet, thence North 100 feet; thence East 435.6 feet, thence South 100 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town

26 North, Range 3 West, Crawford County, Michigan
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 28, 2011
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #367721F02

-28-4-11-18

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Richard Geary, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 5764 Chickasaw Trl, Frederic, MI 49733-9561.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1300.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from July 22, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after July 22, 2011.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Date: July 28, 2011
For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 331311F02

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NOTICE

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4). THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE is hereby provided to ANTHONY PARKER and MICHELE MARIE PARKER ("Borrower") regarding mortgaged property located at 2644 Canby Trail, Grayling, MI 49738. Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent

designated by the mortgage holder and/or servicer as the agent to contact and that has the authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and 600.3205c is LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, P.C., P.O. Box 721400, Berkley, MI 48072, (248) 586-1200 ("LDA"). Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at (866) 946-7432. The mortgage holder and/or servicer mailed written notice to Borrower on July 21, 2011. If Borrower requests a meeting with LDA within 14 days from that date, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after that date. If Borrower and LDA reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. Dated: July 28, 2011 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgage Holder and/or Servicer P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 586-1200 (7/28)

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph P. Varion aka Joseph Varion and Sheryl L. Varion, husband and wife, original mortgagors(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2003, and recorded on June 18, 2003 in Liber 639 on Page 412, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Eight and 10/100 Dollars (\$26,668.10), including interest at 4.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 31, 2011.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL B: a parcel of land being on part of Parcels 9, 10 and 11 of Squire Valley as shown on previously recorded survey in Book 136, Pages 347-360, Crawford County Records, being described as: Part of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 11; thence South 0 degrees 58 minutes 20 seconds West, 37.18 feet along the West line of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds East, 2080.00 feet to the thread line of the AuSable River and the point of beginning; thence along the thread line of the AuSable River the following 3 courses: 1) North 00 degrees 45 minutes 15 seconds East, 118.99 feet; 2) North 41 degrees 58 minutes 57 seconds West, 159.41 feet; 3) North 37 degrees 24 minutes 31 seconds

East, 152.05 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds East, 553.31 feet; thence South 01 degree 13 minutes 35 seconds West, 358.52 feet, along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 11; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West, 532.94 feet to the point of beginning. Being together with and subject to a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress whose centerline is described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East, 700.82 feet; thence South 07 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East, 2657.86 feet, along the Westerly right of way line of NYCCR to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West, 1309.77 feet; thence North 00 degrees 36 minutes 26 seconds East, 1340.97 feet, to the point of ending. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 28, 2011
For more information, please call: FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #378573F01

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NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Lee A. Danner and Helen L. Danner, Husband and Wife, as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Charterwest Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2005 and recorded April 11, 2005 in Liber 674 Page 889 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated June 8, 2011 and recorded June 21, 2011 in Liber 705, Page 422, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Seventy-One Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$82,071.88) including interest 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on August 17, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6 and the West one-half of Lot 5, of Block 12, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 11, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 1000 Ogema Street, Grayling MI 49738. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 7/14/2011 CitiMortgage, Inc., Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-42061 ASAP# FNMA4040661 07/14/2011, 07/21/2011, 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011

-14-21-28-4

Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board To hold public hearing

The Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, August 15th, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

Case # 11-06 Request for variance

Petitioner: Larry Vingelman
Address: 38640 Oakbrook Ct.
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Local Address: 1476 Chapell Drive
Grayling, MI 49738
Property ID# 040-41-011-03-140-00
Zoning: NRD - Natural River District
Lot size: approx. 48,000-sq-ft (1.1 acres)
Request: Construct 7' X 16' covered deck on front (river-side) of existing residence. Deck to come no closer to river than existing structure, which is 38-feet and 4-inches. Variances request is for front variance of 161-feet and 8-inches.
Non-conformances: Although there is 200-feet of river frontage, the lot size is under the NRD minimum of 80,000-sq-ft.
Zoning justification: Ordinance 2003-02, Section 16.07.A

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrators

Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission to meet in special public hearing

The Grayling Charter Township Planning Commission will meet in public session on Monday, August 15th, at 8 p.m. in the town hall to review the following proposal:

Case # Sp11-01 Request for site plan review for new business

Petitioner: Brian Royce
Address: 1611 High Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653
Local Address: Corner of M-72 and Old Lake Road (Karen Woods Rd.)
Grayling, MI 49738
Property ID# 040-42-013-01-020-00
Zoning: C-1, General Commercial
Lot size: approx. 5-acres
Request: Review and approve site-plan of a commercial building and appurtenance structures to be used for the purpose of retail sales of outdoor sporting equipment and accessories.
Non-conformances: none
Zoning justification: Ordinance 2003-02, Article VIII and Article XIX.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrators

Public Land Auction

The following County Treasurers will be offering tax-reverted real estate at public Auction on August 22nd, 2011: Crawford, Ogemaw, Alcona, Oscoda, & Roscommon.

The Auction will be held at The Grayling Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, 2650 South I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738. Registration will begin at 11:00am, Auction will begin at 12:00pm.

Online bidding will be available via www.tax-sale.info.

For more information or for a list of the properties being sold, visit our website at www.tax-sale.info or call 1-800-259-7470. Sale listings are also available at your local County Treasurers Office.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Grayling requests bids for the resurfacing of Ottawa Street from Peninsular Avenue to Chestnut Street. Bids are due, Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the office of the Grayling City Clerk. The City Clerk's office is located at the Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, Michigan 49738-0549. At that time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The work generally consists of 2500 s.y. of asphalt pavement milling, installing 430 tons of hot mixed asphalt, and related work.

Copies of the plans and specs are available from Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, 1280 Business Park Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49686 for the non-refundable fee of \$30.00.

Michele Miller, City Clerk

Features

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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 28, 1988 - Grayling Little League K & K team. Shown here (left to right, back row) coaches: George Bindschattel, Jackie Beckwith, Ron Hall, Barry Hatfield; (middle row) Nathan Beckwith, Nicole Osga, Debbie Harris, Kris Holborn, Eddie Baynham, Matt Ashton, Michael Bobenmoyer; (front row) Kristina Harris, Richie Doe, Dana Beckwith, Travis Johnson, Jason Hatfield, Jason Hall, Adam Baynham.

23 Years Ago July 28, 1988

The load limit for McMaster's Bridge has been lowered to three tons, greatly limiting the number of vehicles allowed to use it. Vehicles prohibited include fire trucks, ambulances, school buses, refuse trucks and any other truck larger than a pickup. The load limit was reduced in early June following an inspection by R.S. Scott & Associates, Inc., an Alpena consulting engineer firm.

Travis Hulbert celebrated his 7th birthday with his

friends Eddie and Adam Baynham, Travis Beckett, Ryan Denno, Becky, Naomi, Evie Haley, Kristy, Carmen and Eric Hulbert. They played games, baseball, rode the three wheeler and had fun boxing with help from dad, Pastor Haley and Jay Mertes.

46 Years Ago July 29, 1965

The R. J. Lozon store in Frederic has been sold to Mitchell and Susie Thompson of Frederic.

A team of five Grayling fishermen won the flycast-ing contest at the Sixth

Annual Great Lakes Forestry Exposition in Mio last weekend. Making up the Grayling team were Clarence Roberts, Arnold Hubbell, Jack Pettyjohn, Doug Burley and Phil Miller.

An estimated two thousand acres in four sections on the Tank Range of the Michigan National Guard Military Reservation east of the AuSable East Branch and west of Stephan Bridge Road burned in the past week. Small fires started Tuesday in the impact area and little attempt was made

to stop them as they remained small. On Saturday, however, a strong northwest wind fanned one of the blazes into action which burned to the east to the Fire Tower Road, where it was finally controlled by the Guard personnel detailed from Camp Grayling.

69 Years Ago July 30, 1942

Efforts to organize the quartermaster company of the Michigan State troops is still going on. Ernest Larson, who is lieutenant, is in charge of the recruiting. Here is a fine chance for local people to have an all-local State Troops company.

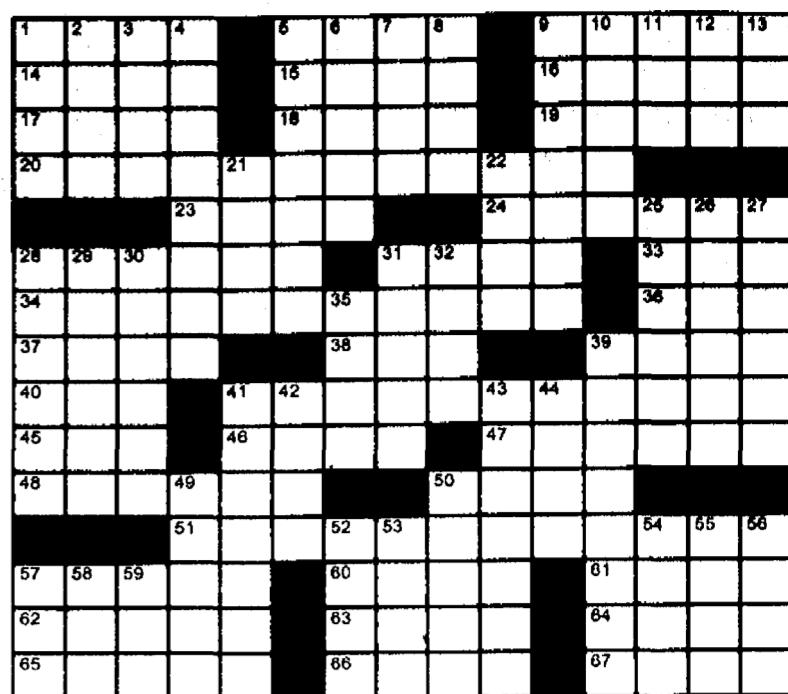
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Longdyke and children, Harold Frank and Mary Mina left for Detroit Sunday after spending a short vacation at the Dream Cabin. The Longdykes got their limit of bluegills and rock bass at K.P. Lake and Mr. Longdyke lured some nice trout out of the AuSable.

92 Years Ago July 31, 1919

Otto Nelson has resigned his position on the M.C.R.R. and left for Detroit last Saturday.

The Grayling Independents defeated Boyne City by a score of 4 to 3 Sunday.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. ____ carotene
5. Insect appendage
9. Heroic tales
14. Bit
15. ____-friendly
16. Bumper sticker word
17. Deaden
18. Perlman of "Cheers"
19. ____-gritty
20. Withdrawing investment funds
23. Conceited
24. Nine equal parts
28. Decadent
31. "Check this out!"
33. Abbr. after a name
34. Vessels for narrow waterways
36. Anger
37. Coin opening
38. Arctic bird
39. "... happily ____ after"
40. "____ say!"
41. Moral instruction
45. "Fantasy Island" prop
46. "Dam it!"
47. Some Russians
48. Bivouac
50. Sundae topper, perhaps
51. Romaine lettuce salads
57. Looks out for, maybe
60. ____ fruit
61. Bypass
62. Prom rides
63. Sweet treat, for short
64. Circular course
65. Blue hue
66. Coil
67. Initial substance of the universe

Down

11. Boston or Chicago, e.g.
2. Small, decorative case
3. ____ of Maine (toothpaste brand)
4. Not an introvert or extrovert
5. Range of operation
6. Bloodless
7. Bottom of the barrel
8. Duff
9. Flat, braided cordage
10. Adjust, in a way
11. "____ lost!"
12. Appear
13. Chester White's home
21. Alliance acronym
22. Acad.
25. Hecate
26. From this point on
27. Rears
28. Store, as com
29. Overthrown
30. Play
31. High headdresses
32. "The Open Window" writer
35. Can of worms?
39. Study of causation
41. All together
42. Copy
43. Ill during travel
44. Fishing, perhaps
49. Gibson, e.g.
50. Acrylic fiber
52. Quite
53. Eastern pooh-bah
54. ____ nitrate
55. Acute
56. Check
57. ____ greece
58. Show ____
59. Australian runner

HOROSCOPES

Week of July 24, 2011

CAPRICORN
December 22- January 19
Better days are here to stay. Capricorn. Kick up life a notch with a few parties. You will be wearing many hats at work this week—enjoy!

ARIES
March 21- April 19
You're not much of a risk-taker, Aries, but you have no choice this time. Don't worry. The odds are in your favor, and the outcome will be good.

CANCER
June 22- July 22
Passion ignites at home, Cancer. Rearrange your schedule and make time for that special someone. You won't regret it. A phone call gets things moving.

LIBRA
September 23- October 22
It's questionable if an old friend is doing as well as they say they are. Ask around, Libra, and find out for sure. If there is a problem, you just might be able to help.

AQUARIUS
January 20- February 18
Get with the program, Aquarius. The deadline cannot be extended. A special celebration calls for something magnificent. Put on your thinking cap.

TAURUS
April 20- May 20
This week is all about making tough choices. Your heart will tell you to do one thing, Taurus, and your head will say another. Follow your head.

LEO
July 23- August 22
This is not a week for pessimism. Cast away all fears and doubts, Leo, and proceed as planned. There will be no stopping you when you put your mind to it.

SCORPIO
October 23- November 21
Wake up and smell the coffee, Scorpio. You're being used, and if you don't put your foot down, the madness will continue and get progressively worse.

PISCES
February 19- March 20
It's time for a young pal to straighten up and fly right, Pisces, and you are the only one who can tell them. They will listen to no other. A memo makes life interesting.

GEMINI
May 21- June 21
Fun is on the agenda, Gemini. Invitations come from various sources, and your calendar begins to fill up. Don your dancing shoes and get ready to have a ball.

VIRGO
August 23- September 22
You're on the right track, Virgo. Keep plucking along, and victory will be yours. A change in vacation plans leads to a fabulous opportunity. Go for it!

SAGITTARIUS
November 22- December 21
Wise advice comes from an unlikely source, Sagittarius. Pay attention. A career change is around the bend for a friend. Be there to support them.

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For more pets or more information, visit our website www.assc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

QUICK & EASY STEAK SALAD

Ingredients:

- 5 cups romaine lettuce
- 2 small plum tomatoes, sliced
- 1 yellow pepper, halved, grilled and cut into strips
- 1 lb. beef flank steak, grilled, sliced
- 1/2 cup 2% Milk Colby & Monterey Jack Cheese
- Crumbles
- 1/2 cup Light Zesty Italian Dressing

Directions:

COVER 4 salad plates with lettuce.

TOP with tomatoes, peppers, meat and cheese.

DRIZZLE with dressing just before serving.

How to Grill the Yellow Pepper
Cut pepper lengthwise in half. Brush lightly with small amount of the Italian dressing. Add to grill along with the steak. Grill 6 to 8 min. or until crisp-tender, turning occasionally. Cut into strips, then use as directed.

How to Slice Steak for Tenderness
The key to tender delicious flank steak is in the slicing! Using a sharp knife, cut the cooked steak across the grain into thin strips.

Serving Suggestion
Serve with 2 toasted 1/2-inch-thick slices multi-grain baguette.

Prep Time: 25 mins
Total Time: 30 mins

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Last Week		Rain		Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
7/18	90	67	0.03							
7/19	93	62	0							
7/20	95	69	0							
7/21	92	64	0							
7/22	87	68	0							
7/23	90	64	0.06							
7/24	83	63	0.03							

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Scattered T-Storms Partly Cloudy Sunny Sunny Partly Cloudy Scattered T-Storms

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1. Real Estate

\$110,000 5 BEDROOM, 3 bath home near hospital and schools. New in 2010, has deeded access to East Branch, close to I-75 and state land. 4807 Helen Dr., 989-745-4554. Seller is licensed real estate agent. (-28/1)

HOME FOR SALE Ranch home on 12 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, new kitchen/DR, attached garage and 2 car garage/workshop, paved drive. 989-348-9708. (-28-4-11-18/1)

NICE 3 - 4 BEDROOM ranch on a beautiful 20 acres. Property also includes a guest house/rental. Go to www.graylinghouseforsale.weebly.com for more details or call 989-344-8046. (-16-23-30-7-14-21-28/1)

DANISH LANDING Deeded access to Lake Margrethe. 348-9726 or 390-2418. (-7-14-21-28/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-28/10/11/1)

LAKE MARGRETHE year round home. Deeded easement. 2179 Danish Landing. By owner, appointment call 313-539-0845. (-7-14-21-28/1)

FULLY OPERATIONAL RESTAURANT for lease, seats up to 40 people, in Frederic. 248-310-0761. (28-4/1)

FOR SALE 2 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,000 sq. feet, 2.5 car garage, 24.66 acres, pole barn, 3 sheds \$150,000. 1-989-348-4171. (-28-4/1)

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1. Real Estate



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 Vacant Land, located at 4784 W. Marl Lake Rd., Roscommon,
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1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

3 BR, 1 1/2 BATH house, 1 car garage, natural gas heat, lake view, \$650 per month, security deposit, lease. 348-4443. (-7/28/11/10/2)

COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL ZONED 4 bedroom house for rent. \$1,200/month, price may be negotiable. 411 Michigan Ave., Grayling. Large fenced yard, wood stove and gas heat. You pay utilities. Walking distance to schools, hospital and downtown. Lease purchase option. 239-313-1857. (-28/2)

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COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT 6251 M-72 West. 1/2 mile from city. Large parking lot, 840 sq. ft., suitable for office, retail, beauty shop, \$550 month. 989-348-4716. (-4/28/11/10/2)

SMALL MOBILE NEAR TOWN 2 bedroom, with storage shed. \$400/month plus deposit. 989-390-3980. (-28-4/2)

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2 - 3 BEDROOM, 1 bath house close to Lake Margrethe. First floor laundry, \$550 per month plus utilities. 1 year lease, 348-4443. (-7-21/11/10/2)

1. Real Estate



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2. For Rent

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM 2nd story apartment located in town, \$550 per month. To apply call 989-710-1194 or 989-370-2745. (-7/21/11/10/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS is now accepting applications for availability in June. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet mature community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in the annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989 348-9456, for more information. (-5/5/11/10/2)

MONTHLY HOME RENTALS near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/10/2)

3. Employment

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for men and women in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-7-14-21-28-4-11-18-25)

2. For Rent

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment



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8. Announcements

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(-3/19/09/1/8)

8. Announcements

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**SOUTH BRANCH
TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

South Branch Township Fire Department is inviting qual-
ified bidders to submit bid proposals to refurbish (1) one
2,000 gallon Water Tanker Truck. Specifications pack-
ages may be obtained by contacting the Fire Chief at
(989) 275-4779, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until
5:00 p.m. The Fire Department is located at 5225 N. M-
18, Roscommon.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m.,
Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at the South Branch
Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653.
Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Water Tanker
Refurbish Bid". Bids will be opened at the South Branch
Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, immediately following the
closing of bids. The successful bidder will be selected
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8. Announcements

GIRLS TENNIS CLINIC
Date: Aug. 2 - 5; Time: 8 - 10
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Balls provided, rackets avail-
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\$7.40	\$7.50	\$7.60	\$7.70	\$7.80	\$7.90
\$8.10	\$8.20	\$8.30	\$8.40	\$8.50	\$8.60
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